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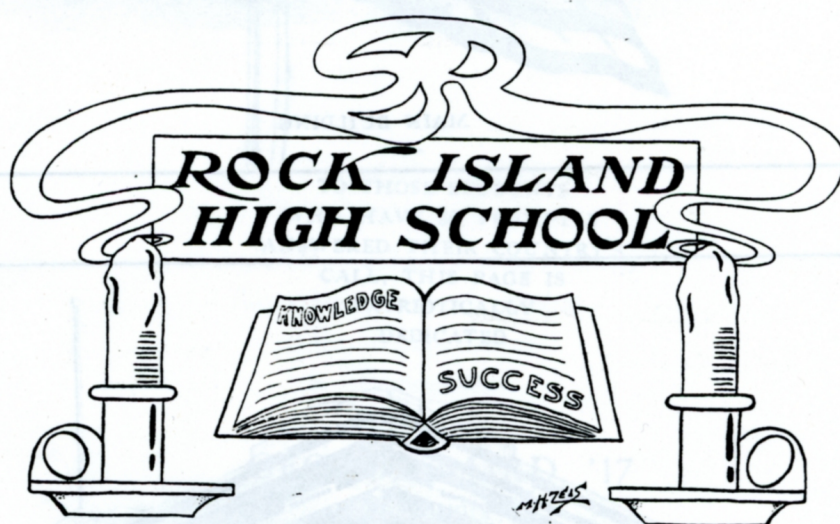
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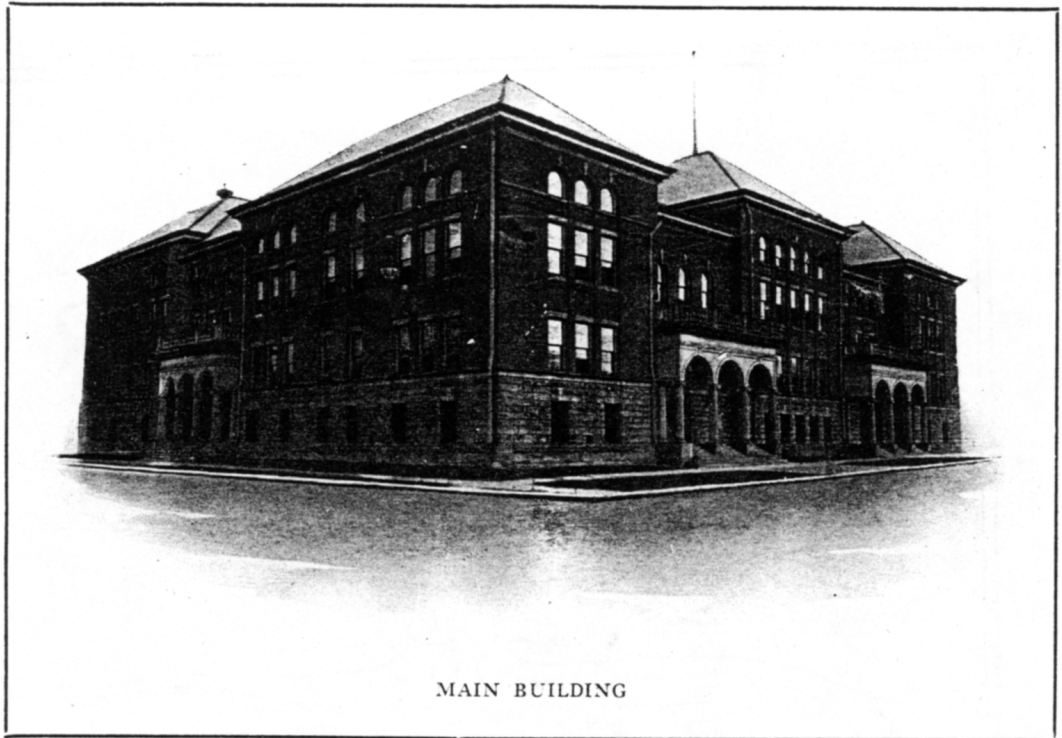
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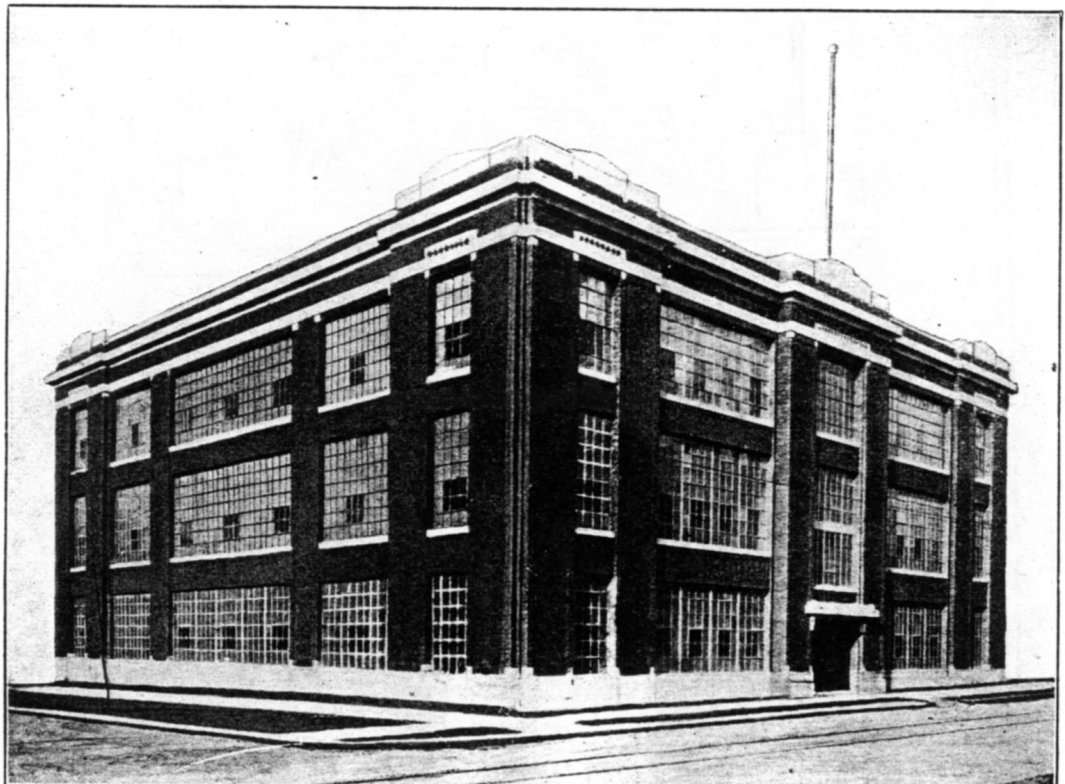
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TO THOSE STUDENTS  
WHO HAVE SO PROMPTLY  
ANSWERED THEIR COUNTRY'S  
CALL, THIS PAGE IS  
PATRIOTICALLY  
DEDICATED

GEORGE BAIRD, '17

Marines

FRED MARTIN, '17

Navy

IRVIN ANDERSEN, '18

6th Reg. Band, I. N. G.

WALTER BERGENDORF, '17

Co. D, 1st Artillery, Iowa N. G.

LOWELL KAY, '18

6th Reg. Band, I. N. G.

EUGENE BROWN, '18

Co. D, 1st Artillery, Iowa N. G.

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To  
**The Senior Class**

of nineteen hundred and seventeen  
this commencement number  
of the Watch Tower  
is affectionately  
dedicated



## Class Day Program

High School Auditorium, May 31, 2 p. m.

Violin Solo	(a) "The Evening Song"	Schumann
	(b) Overtass Mazurka	Wienawski
	Mary Kelinson	
Address of Welcome		Elizabeth Ogilvie
Class History		Dwight LaGrange
Class Prophecy		Mary Clarke, Lillian Gross
		LeVerne Wood, Julia Marshall
		Florence McConochie
Presentation of Gift to School		Harry Weisman
		John Gustafson, Harry Lyford
		Arthur Bodson, Clifford Myers
Presentation of Gifts		Myrtle Jens
Farewell Address		Thomas Duffy
Piano Solo "Impromptu"		Rheinhold
	Marie Carlson	



## Commencement Program

Augustana College Gymnasium, Friday, June 1, 1917, 8 p. m.

Music	
Invocation	Rev. William G. Ogilvie
Music	
Address	Dr. Charles H. Judd, University of Chicago
Music	
Presentation of Diplomas	

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### In Memoriam

On May 16th occurred the death of Annette Petersen, a member of the class of 1917, who a few months ago was forced to give up her school work on account of ill health. Thruout her high school course she had proved a most congenial classmate and her presence is greatly missed during this Commencement Week.

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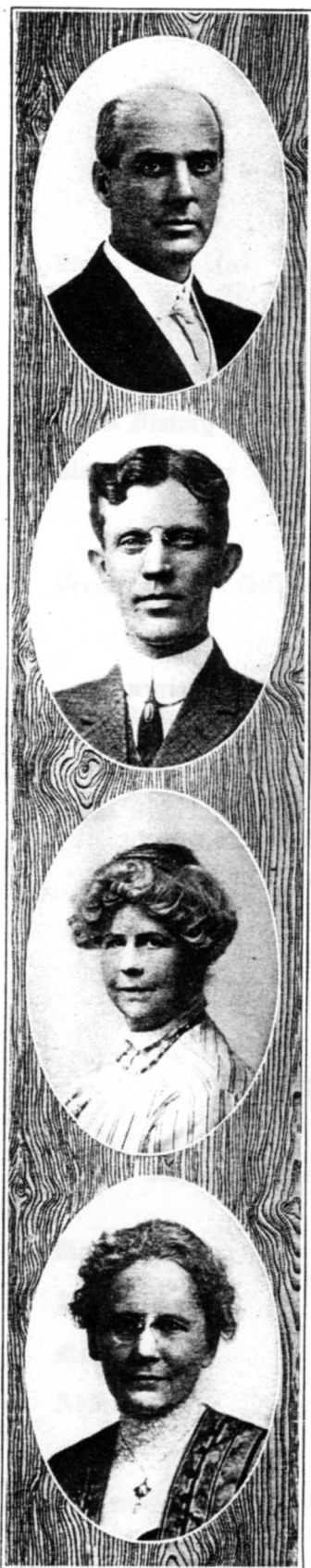
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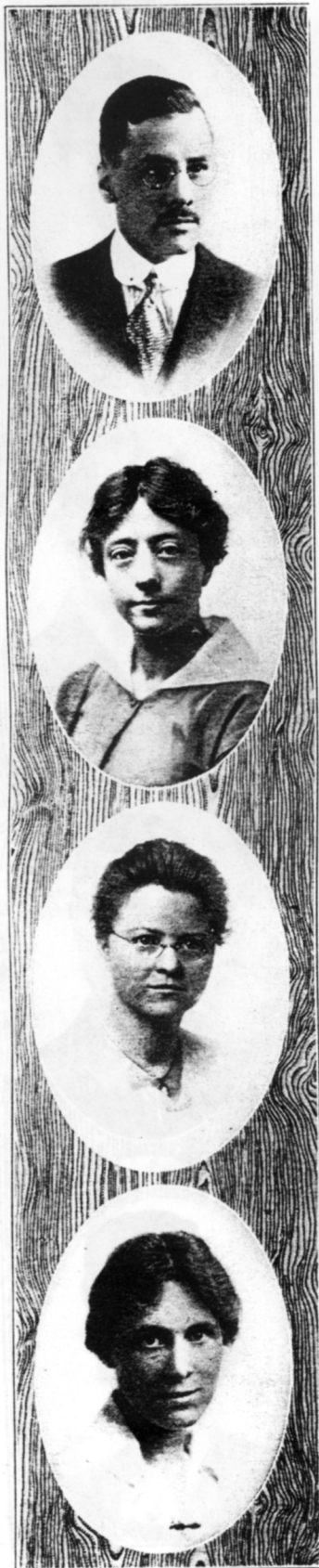
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## The Senior Class of 1917



Lewis B. Wilson

Dorothy Algie

Melba Carlson

Harry B. Lyford

*President* ..... LEWIS B. WILSON  
*Vice President* ..... DOROTHY ALGIE  
*Secretary* ..... MELBA CARLSON  
*Treasurer* ..... HARRY B. LYFORD

### *Motto*

Esse quam videre

### *Colors*

Purple and Gold

### *Flower*

Fleur-de-lis





## Seniors

### DOROTHY ALGIE

Who can forget Nancy in the Class Play? Dorothy is famous for her contagious giggle. She joined our class only last year, but her stay with us has been ample time to prove the value of her sterling qualities as well as her genial manner and spontaneous giggle. Dorothy was a member of one of the teams in the Tri-City Declamation Contest last year.

### EDNA ANDERSON

Altho Edna Anderson has not long been with the class, her agreeableness has already impressed the members of '17 and they are glad to include her as one of them. Edna has proved herself an exceptional student and for the past year distinguished herself as president of the Hart.

### GEORGE BAIRD

George has supported the Class of '17 thru thick and thin and hasn't had a distasteful time doing it either. He is not by nature serious, and often have we been cheered up by his genial presence. At present George is training with the U. S. Marines in South Carolina. He left a month ago; and altho we miss him now, we're proud that it is one of our patriotic classmen who is helping out Uncle Sam in this time of distress.

### ADAH BAUERSFELD

Adah is one of the coquettes of the class. Nevertheless she does not allow her fondness for the boys to overshadow the more serious things, as she has been a creditable student during her entire course. Adah is a mighty good friend to have!

### WALTER BERGENDORF

Altho "Bergy" hasn't been with the class long he has proved one of the most popular members. He worked loyally on the football squad last fall and had the honor of being chosen marshal for Commencement week. The lower class girls will miss Walter's beaming smile. We are proud to say that Walt has joined Battery D and will soon be with this division "somewhere in the U. S."

### CHARLES BOEHME

Charles Boehme has gone thru school with a determination to learn something. He has supported the class and demonstrated his stage abilities as Officer Cassidy in "The Man on the Box." So well did Charles take the part that he was several times mistaken for a real policeman on the night of the play.

### HENRIETTA BREECHER

The editors of the WATCH TOWER are deeply indebted to Henrietta, for she is the girl who has done the bulk of our typewriting for us, and it has been no small amount either. But no matter how great or numerous our requests were, she always responded willingly. This is indeed characteristic of "Retta," too, for she is always ready to do a favor.

### NITA BREGGER

Nita is a girl who believes you get nothing without working for it, and consequently has worked hard during her entire course. It is doubtful whether anyone ever saw her when she wasn't in a hurry. It is an acknowledged fact that such a vast amount of energy will not fail to accomplish something worth while.

### NELLIE BUNNING

"How do you do?" is Nellie's customary cheery salutation. Along with it comes a charming smile with the result that one of our number has succumbed to a fascination for which no one blames him. Nellie has been a good student, but in her leisure hours pursues her favorite pastime—dancing.

### EDWARD BURTON

Altho rather a quiet fellow, Edward Burton has interested himself in the activities of the class and at the same time done excellent class work. This is a good combination, and it would have been well had more divided their interests equally as well as Ed.

### MARIE CARLSON

That Marie Carlson is the pianist of the class was unquestionably established by her playing on Class Day. Marie is carefree and happy and knows no troubles except her little dog, Troubles; and it is everyone's wish that she may go through life without becoming acquainted with any others.

### MELBA CARLSON

What would our class be without "Mel"? She has been one of the most active and loyal members we have had. Three different years she has been a class officer and also was captain of the girls' basketball team for two years. "Mel" is an artist of no mean skill, and her drawings have often adorned the pages of the WATCH TOWER. Besides drawing pictures, she is quite adept at drawing young men's attentions.

### MARY CLARKE

Mary is one of our country students, coming to us from Preemption. She took the part of the hostess in the Class Prophecy on Class Day in a very clever manner. Quite fond of writing, especially letters, Mary spends considerable time writing to "Somewhere in Illinois."

### CLIFFORD COOK

When Clifford Cook recites you feel as if he had studied the lesson, and that's more than some of us do. But Clif has his humorous side nevertheless, and it was well brought out the night of the Class Play when he acted the part of the Clerk of the Court and also Ned, the stable boy, in a very able manner.

### MARJORIE CURTIS

A mighty agreeable and sensible girl is Marjorie Curtis. She has aided the class in numerous ways and has found a lot of pleasure in attending R. I. H. S. Have you ever heard "Marj" laugh? It would do you good.

### CORNELIA DARLING

Cornelia is one of those energetic students who go thru high school in three and a half years. In doing this she has not found much time to devote to the social side of school life. She has, however, been a loyal member of the Hart and also a member of the orchestra.



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### LELAND DEMPSEY

One of the best all-round athletes ever known in R. I. H. S. is Leland Dempsey. As captain of our football team he won renown on the gridiron, and "Sailor" was also the mainstay of our champion basketball team, due honor being accorded him in his selection as center and captain of the All-Tournament team. In track work too, Lee's ability has been shown, and the school will miss his presence on the field and in the gym, to say nothing of his dry humor and cheerful grin. Dempsey is an actor too. We'll never forget his antics as Officer O'Brien in the Class Play.

### EDNA DIEROLF

Little, but oh my! is Edna. Her sweet, winsome manner has endeared her to the hearts of all. "Ed" is very democratic in principle and intends always to support the policies of President Wilson.

### ARTHUR DODSON

Joining our class in our Sophomore year "Art" began immediately to boost things and has continued to do so ever since. He proved successful in declamation and has been a loyal member of the glee club, but perhaps best of all he is remembered as the dashing young newspaper man, Mr. Henderson, in the Class Play. Arthur is an actor of no mean merit.

### RUTH DODSON

Ruth Dodson has made a record for herself in class work in R. I. H. S. She has also been a loyal Hart member and has enthusiastically supported anything of class interest. Ruth is one of the "merry trio," Elizabeth, Lillian, and Ruth.

### BLANCHE DOLLY

"B. D." firmly believes in "never troubling trouble, until trouble troubles you" and consequently has gone thru school free from cares or worry, and with many giggles. "B. D." established her value to the class by writing the Class Song for Class Day.

### THOMAS DUFFY

Who will forget the humor that Thomas Duffy spreads broadcast in classroom and corridor? Tom always is ready with some joke or pun, but it doesn't interfere with his studies in the least. He had the honor of being selected to deliver the Farewell Address. Tom's favorite pastime is a draw between hitting the keys in Room 18 and driving a flivver.

### BESSIE ELWELL

Did you ever see Bessie Elwell in a hurry? No, that isn't her style, but she gets there just the same and manages to be quite entertaining when she arrives. Bess is another of the class boosters, and by the way, she and the boys get along pretty well together, too. We have one fellow in mind to whom she is especially agreeable.

### BETH EMERY

Beth is conceded to be one of '17's prettiest girls. She is known for her numerous "cases" which are always short but sweet. Tho not studiously inclined, Beth always manages to go to class with her lessons prepared, and well prepared at that. She is especially fond of bookkeeping, and always goes there eighth period.



### ISRAEL FINKELSTEIN

Israel Finkelstein has climbed the ladder of progress in R. I. H. S. and stands along with the rest of us on top rung. After we step off into our various pursuits of life we'll look back and remember Israel as an earnest student, loyal class member, and genial friend.

### HERBERT FOTCH

Herbie has been a valuable member of the class, belonging to both the football and basketball squads. He also was a competent property man for the Class Play. Altho not being especially interested in animals, he has devoted a great deal of time to the study of "Bunnies."

### RUSSELL FRANING

"Hank" has helped to hold up the honor of our class on the gridiron, and has succeeded very well. He has been a member of the team for two years and, of course, is an "R. I." man. You seldom meet "Hank" without candy in his pockets, and he is not the least bit stingy with it, either. A mighty agreeable fellow is "Hank."

### BERT FREISTAT

Here comes a fellow with a steady stride. Rather serious looking at first glance, but suddenly his face lights up with a broad smile, and a cheerful "Hello" comes your way. That's Bert Friestat, champion typist, class booster and all-round good fellow.

### DEMETRIOS GALANOS

From far away Greece came Demetrios Galanos, and in the short time he has been in the United States he has made rapid progress in the language and customs of the country. Demetrios had gone to high school in his native land, and by diligent application he has been enabled in a short time to translate his education, so to speak, and graduate from an American institution. Thru his sunny disposition, "Dennie" has made many friends, who all admire him for his ambition.

### WILLIAM GLEASON

Even if William Gleason's high school career has been a trifle interrupted, he chose a good class with which to graduate, and we are glad to have him. "Bill," besides being a star football and basketball man, has been the source of much merriment and has been most kind in cheering us along our way with a witty word or two.

### EMIL GOLDMAN

As a debater Emil Goldman did creditable work the past year. He was also a standby in the Ciceronian; and last but not least, who will ever forget Emil as the French Chef in the Class Play? He played the part so well that few could tell that he was not a sure-enough foreign cook.

### LILLIAN GROSS

Lillian, the third of the trio, is a very studious girl. Lessons always came first with Lillian, but afterwards she was always ready for a lark. She made an excellent president of the Hart the first semester and has been quite active in the work of that society during the entire year.



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### JOHN GUSTAFSON

"Boost" should be John Gustafson's middle name, for he certainly has supported his class and all school activities. His success on the platform has been marked, both in declamation and in thespian roles. As Col. Annesley in "The Man on the Box" he acted with a naturalness that was remarkable. "Gussie" hasn't anything against the girls either, a certain one in particular.

### ROLLIN HAINES

Enter Magistrate Watts! For that was the character Rollin Haines assumed in the Class Play. He fitted into the part well and played with remarkable naturalness. Rollin has been a friendly classmate during our high school career.

### HATTIE HARDER

Hattie Harder has gone her way thru school apparently but with one aim, namely, to learn something. Together with her friend and constant companion, Harriet Hodges, she has supported the class and with her merry smile has helped to brighten up our school.

### VERNIE HENDREN

There are many friendly fellows in school, but Vernie Hendren can make you feel more as if he really appreciated your friendship than most of the others. Even if he was engaged in a hard gridiron contest (Vernie is a crack footballist), he never forgot to be friendly and always emerged from the fray with one great, big, beaming smile. Everybody likes Vernie.

### BESSIE HERMANN

"The best way to reach a man's heart is thru his stomach." Realizing the truth and importance of this, Bessie has been a diligent student of Home Economics. And from the success that has visited her we feel safe in saying that some day she will make some man a mighty good wife.

### HARRIETTE HODGES

Here we have the other member of the friendly firm, "Harder and Hodges." Harriet has been a mighty good student and has always supported the class in all its activities. Altho rather a quiet girl, she has made a host of friends during her high school career.

### GERTRUDE HOHENSTEIN

Gertrude doesn't look quite natural here, but that's only because she isn't saying anything. "Gertie" is noted for her geniality, and we're mighty glad to have her as a member of our class.

### MAUDE HULL

It is Maude Hull who has drawn so many of the cuts used in this annual, so you see the class is justified in being proud of her talents. Maud is very persevering and is not easily daunted. Every morning she journeys in from Milan and has never been known to fail to get here on time.

### MYRTLE JENS

Here and there and everywhere is "Lou." You never know where to find her next or what she is going to do. But no matter what it is, you can rest assured that it is something both clever and original. Her cleverness was firmly established when she wrote all the parodies for the girls' minstrel show and then again when she presented the gifts to the Juniors on Class Day.

### AGNES JOHNSON

Here's a cheerful '17er. Agnes Johnson is a staunch backer of her class and has made many friends. Agnes is an expert on the typewriter and has helped the Watch Tower more than once in writing out copy. Do you remember that costume Agnes wore to the Hard Times party? She took first prize and certainly deserved it.

### NIMIE JOHNSON

Nimie Johnson has gone her way thru school quietly and earnestly and has made a record for herself in her studies. We really believe Nimie is quite a lively girl, but at school she always appears very dignified.

### MARY KELINSON

In the orchestra Mary has done her bit for the good of her school. We also know she is a good whisperer, which fact anyone who ever sat near her is aware of. But that's nothing against her, and we're glad she's one of us '17ers. Mary played a fine violin solo Class Day.

### BESSIE KERR

Securing enough credits by Christmas to graduate, Bessie came back to be with us during Commencement week. Perhaps no one has earned their credits any more than Bessie has, for she worked hard to have perfect lessons.

### DWIGHT LA GRANGE

We are proud to claim as one of us this year Dwight La Grange, who after seven interrupted years in high school, graduates with the Class of '17. He has had the steadfast perseverance that wins against odds. Dwight has been one of the most popular fellows in school, and for several years had the honor of being yell leader. In the Merchant of Venice his portrayal of the character of Shylock was undisputably excellent. His delivery of the Class History on Class Day proved a splendid finish for his career at R. I. H. S.

### DORA LEFSTEIN

With the extra half year that the mid-year students have, Dora has been able to go thru this year in a leisurely but competent manner. Dora, as a rule, thinks time wasted that is spent with idle gaities. However, when you come right down to it, she is as eager as anyone else for a good time.

### CHARLES LERCH

One of the quietest fellows in the class is Charles Lerch. He came to high school for the sole purpose of acquiring knowledge, and he has been most successful in his attempt. No one has anything against Charles.





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### FLORENCE LIVINGSTON

Jolly and fun loving is our Florence. We doubt if there is anything that can quell her laughter or if there is anything that can keep her continually rising spirits down. As a member of the team that defeated Davenport in the Girls' Tri-City Declamation Contest she won credit not only for herself, but also our class and, in fact, the entire school.

### HARRY B. LYFORD

"A time for everything and everything in its time," is the motto that has enabled Harry to fulfill so capably his numerous duties in high school. This year he has been president of the Associated Students, editor-in-chief of the WATCH TOWER, treasurer of the class, and leading man of the Class Play. During our entire course "H. B." has handled the gold of the class in a commendable manner. It has created in him a great fondness for gold, especially golden hair.

### FLORENCE McCONOCHIE

Florence, or "Flops," as she is more commonly called, is one of our most attractive girls. She was in the team that defeated Davenport in the Girls' Declamation Contest and also takes part in the Class Prophecy on Class Day. "Flops" is accredited with being a match maker of no mean skill.

### MARVIN McNEILL

On numerous occasions we have been entertained by Mac's piano selections, and we have to admit that he knows how to finger the keys. Besides his musical work he has found time to boost the class and school, as his successful efforts on the track have proved. If you ever sat near him at a game, you know that Mac can root louder than two of us put together.

### JULIA MARSHALL

We call her "Judy" because it's easier to say. She was honored by being chosen to take part in the Prophecy on Class Day. The Senior class chooses marshals for Commencement week, but a certain member of the Sophomore class has chosen a Marshall for every week.

### FRED MARTIN

Fred has proved successful in his attempt to hold a seat in the hall of Seniors, and we aren't a bit sorry he is with us. On the gridiron Martin has demonstrated his loyalty to his school and now he demonstrates his loyalty to his country by enlisting in the navy. That's the old pep, Fred, good luck to you!

### KATHRYN MARTIN

Kathryn believes in getting all there is out of life; and she came here to school from Coal Valley with that idea in mind. Accordingly, she has never failed to respond to the call for a good time. Nevertheless, the next day she would always have her lessons well prepared. No one will soon forget the hit Kathryn made as Mrs. Conway in the Class Play.

### CLAUDE MERCER

As center on the football team Claude Mercer has done valuable work for R. I. H. S. for two years. Claude loves to argue, as most of us have discovered, and we have to acknowledge that he knows how. But his redeeming virtue lies in his willingness to do his friends a good turn.

### MILDRED MOFFITT

Mildred is one of our country maids, coming to us from Reynolds. She is noted for her extremely sweet disposition. The thought of hurting anyone's feeling or refusing to grant a requested favor are unknown to Mildred. She works steadily and hard at anything she undertakes and never fails to successfully complete her task.

### MAX MORRIS

Here you behold quiet, studious, possibly even bashful, Max Morris! Withal his quietness, Max has proved a friendly classmate, and his studious efforts have made many of us envious.

### CLIFFORD MYERS

"Pep." That fully describes Clifford Myers. He never starts anything without enthusiasm and he keeps it up 'till it's finished. His powerful voice won him the honor of being yell-master the past year and his success in the position has been tremendous. As vice-president of the Associated Students and business manager of the Class Play he has kept the ball rolling, and has been responsible for many new ideas in R. I. H. S. The school will lose a powerful booster in the graduation of "Clif."

### LAWRENCE NERMING

Lawrence Nerming is the possessor of a most ambitious character which has enabled him to complete his high school education in a most satisfactory manner.

### ELIZABETH OGLEVEE

Elizabeth Oglevee gave the Address of Welcome on Class Day in a manner befitting one of her ability. There are few people who can leave high school with the excellent record that Elizabeth will. She also is fond of good times, as her staunch companions, Lillian and Ruth, will testify.

### GENEVIEVE PURCELL

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," is Genevieve's motto. Who can ever forget her sweet smile and musical voice? But of late we have missed them, since Genevieve left with sufficient credits in January. However, she now returns to receive her diploma along with the rest of us.

### CHARLOTTE RIMMERMAN

Another of our scholarly class members is Charlotte Rimmerman. Thruout her course "Lottie" has made an enviable record for herself, and so many credits did she accumulate that in January she decided to stop. However, she came back to get her sheepskin with the rest of the '17ers.

### JOHN RINGGOLD

Is there anyone who knows Johnny and does not like him? Indeed there isn't! In fact, it is an impossibility to come in contact with "Happy John" without succumbing to his charms. No one will soon forget him as Col. Raleigh in the Class Play. The naturalness of his acting brought forth from the audience numerous words of praise.



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### MYRA ROBBINS

Rather a coquettish young maid is Myra Robbins, don't you think? Well, we all know there couldn't have been a better character for the part of the dainty housemaid in the Class Play. Myra acted the part to perfection, and who could blame the Chef for becoming enamoured.

### LEWIS SAULPAUGH

The fact that "you can fool some of the people all the time" has been a great aid to Louie during his high school course. Nevertheless, Louie has been quite active in debating and declamation, last year being a member of the teams that represented us in the Tri-City Debate and the Tri-City Declamation Contest. He was captain of the track team this year. Louie's ready wit has made him a great favorite in high school.

### MABEL SAUM

If Mabel Saum doesn't make a successful business woman, we miss our guess. As a typist she is experienced, and only a short time ago she won honor for herself and her school by capturing third place in the Big Eight Stenographic Contest. *Congratulations!*

### LOUISE SCHUKRAFT

Small in stature but great in intellect is Louise Schukraft. Coming to us at the beginning of this year from Beardstown, she has been a loyal supporter of the class and has achieved a high standing in her studies. She has proved herself a welcome addition to our class.

### DULCE SEELEY

Dulce is one of our fairest blonds and bids fair to be in the front line of the successors to Mary Pickford. She has taken part in several short playlets in high school and also portrayed the part of Portia in the Merchant of Venice last year in a manner worthy of a professional. Dulce's one weakness is for men of letters, or should we say, man of letters?

### MAUD SHAW

Another of our energetic Milan students is Maud Shaw. In comes Maud every day and takes up her work with an earnestness pleasing to behold. If you have ever engaged Maud in conversation, you have found that she is very entertaining.

### RUTH SOADY

Always eager to be of service is Ruth Soady. In the classroom or elsewhere she has always been energetic, and has made her tasks lighter by her ever ready smile. Ruth is a valued member of the Class of '17.

### GOLDYE SOSNA

Goldye is brimful of vitality and animation. She is always busy doing something worth while. You never know when Goldye is going to break forth with one of her contagious laughs. She has helped to support the class in Declamation for two years.



### BENJAMIN SPERBECK

We have with us "Ben the Bold." Ask Ben any scientific question, then take a chair and listen attentively until the oration ceases. Wireless, experiments with gunpowder, and riding wild ponies are all favorite hobbies of Mr. Sperbeck, and we really are fortunate to have had him with us in flesh and blood as long as we have. Ben is a loyal seventeenener.

### MARION STODDARD

Marion has been handicapped during her high school course by ill health. Nevertheless she has succeeded in surmounting this barrier and has completed the course better than many who had a clear path before them. Then, too, Mary is one of our jolliest girls and is a welcome addition to any lark. Despite the fact that Marion is perfectly honest, it would take only a few words to make her Robb.

### HARRY STUHR

Here we have with us Harry Stuhr, champion debater, loyal Ciceronian member, artist, and track team member. In all the numerous activities Harry has entered he has demonstrated his eagerness to be of service to his school, and his efforts are to be commended. Harry also has been known to spend considerable time in conversation with the girl(s).

### JOHN SULLIVAN

Now we turn to John Sullivan. We have yet to see a more friendly and agreeable chap, and along with these good qualities he carries enthusiasm. Johnnie is always on hand for a good time, and we don't hesitate to say that he has had many in the last four years.

### MABLE SWANSON

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," has been Mable's choicest motto and the indirect cause of her quick smile and ready laughter. Mable also has a very serious side to her nature, as her report cards and teachers will testify. Mable and her twin, Minnie, have surely been appreciated members of the class.

### MINNIE SWANSON

Minnie, the other twin, is the dressmaker and has made most of the pretty clothes which she and Mable have worn to the chagrin, and sometimes envy, of other girls. She is also a cook of no mean skill. Her attractiveness will not permit her long to remain an unclaimed treasure.

### ELIZABETH SWISHER

Here we see serious, energetic, business-like, giggling, popular Elizabeth Swisher. Quite a combination, but a mighty good one, let us tell you. For three years "Lizzie" has worked faithfully on the WATCH TOWER and during the same time was largely responsible for the success of our numerous class functions. Very few classes can boast of a more all-round, capable girl. When "Liz" gets started, she goes "to beat the 'Dutch'."

### MARIE THEUS

Marie is one of our unobtrusive girls, bothering no one and wanting no one to bother her. She has, however, found keen enjoyment in all the class activities, always being present at the class meetings, class parties, class tournaments, and anything else that required support from the class members.



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### MATILDA THOMPSON

Matilda Thompson stands near the head of the class in scholarship. Naturally gifted mentally and coming to school with the determination to learn, Matilda has earned more "A's" than many of us put together. She is easily amused, and one of our clownishly inclined Seniors has furnished much entertainment for Matilda the past few months.

### LESTER TURNER

Perpetual motion came as near reaching perfection as possible in Lester Turner, for Lester is always doing something and doing it well too. He took the part of Count Karloff in the Class Play, was a member of both the Debating and Tri-City Declamation teams, and also represented Rock Island in the Big Eight Declamation Contest. By the way, Lester is the proud possessor of a so-called laugh that furnishes endless amusement for the members of one of the Senior English classes.

### LEONA VANATTA

Leona graduated from Reynolds high school two years ago and then came to us to complete her course. The only regret that the faculty and students have is that she did not spend the entire four years with us. Her highest aspiration is to write parodies on the old songs. She has already written one on "Home, Sweet Home," which she calls, "Holmes, sweet Holmes."

### FRAZIER VANCE

In the literary field in R. I. H. S. Frazier Vance has sought and won honors. He was a member of the debating team this year and also was a staunch Ciceronian member. Frazier is also president of the Latin Club. His cherubic expression is familiar to all.

### ANNA VOGELE

Few of us have had the gloriously good time going thru school that Anna has. She is never troubled, and her quick laugh is always just waiting to come forth. During the past year Anna has been a very active worker in the Hart.

### HILDA VOSS

Hilda Voss will ever be remembered as a loyal member of the Class of '17. We doubt if she ever missed a class party and that's something we can't say of many. Hilda's disposition is a sunny one and she enlivened many a classroom with her infectious laugh.

### PHILIP WAGNER

Here is a live member of the Class of '17. It's "Flop" Wagner. Thruout his course "Flop" has sought to enjoy himself, and we believe he has. A possessor of a rather friendly and jovial manner, he has become one of the most popular fellows in the class.

### HARRY WIESMAN

Harry has bobbed in and out of school without wasting much time in the corridors, for he is a business man and must needs be diligent. But that doesn't mean that he received poor grades. No, indeed! Harry had the honor of being chosen to present the class gift to the school.

### MYRTLE WESSEL

Myrtle Wessel has proved herself a valuable classmate in the four years we have been in school. Seldom has Myrtle missed a class meeting or a social function. The Hart has also claimed her as an earnest member. Myrtle had true "school spirit," interest both in her studies and in all the activities of the school.

### MARIE WILLIAMS

During her four years in high school Marie has surely made a name for herself in declamation. In our Sophomore year she represented Rock Island in the Big Eight and won first place for us. This year she was a member of the team that defeated Moline, and was also leading lady in the Class Play. Marie, however, is extremely fond of onions, and her one ambition is some day to devote all of her time to an onion farm of her own.

### BURTIS WILSON

Very undecided has Burtis Wilson been as to his choice of a class with which to graduate. But now he has made his selection, and we're not a bit displeased to have "Bert" as one of us 96 seventeeners.

### LEWIS B. WILSON

"And a busy man was he." Lewis has been one of the most popular fellows in school, as the numerous honors thrust upon him go to prove. He is president of the Senior class and business manager of the WATCH TOWER. Besides these duties, Lewie helped out the football squad, was one of our star basketball men and occasionally took the time to talk to the girls.

### LEVERNE WOOD

LeVerne Wood has enjoyed every minute of her high school course, and her happy disposition has also aided other people in enjoying themselves. She took part in the Prophecy on Class Day. LeVerne is very fond of flowers, especially Roses.

### ADA YOUNG

Ada joined our class only last year, but during the time she has been with us she has probably done more for the class than others who have been with us during the entire course. No matter how hard or how much time it took, Ada has always responded willingly to our requests.

### LOUIS ZEFFREN

Short of stature but with an abundance of gray matter is Louis Zeffren. "Louie's" natural ability has enabled him to go thru high school in a hurry, and no doubt he was to some degree moved to haste in order that he might graduate with a good all-round class.

### MARY ZIFFRIN

One of the fairest of our fair is Mary. She had secured enough credits to graduate by Christmas, so she left us to go to work, but did not fail to come back to be with us during Commencement week.





## Address of Welcome

ELIZABETH OGLEVEE

*Dear Friends, Teachers, and Fellow Students:—*

IT is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you this afternoon in the name of the Class of 1917. But a welcome from us to you seems superfluous, because you who are gathered here deserve a large share of the honor and credit of this occasion. You, teachers, parents and friends, have made it possible for us to reach this momentous day of our lives; so it is with gratitude and humility that we, the Class of 1917, welcome you to share the honors and joys of this commencement season.

We wish that our welcome might bid you only to joyous things; but even Class Day has its somber side. The partings, the breaking up of happy friendships, the farewell to the old Rock Island High are hard for us all. But overshadowing all else and sending its grim presence into our midst is the terrible war. At least two of the Class of 1917 will not wear a cap and gown on Commencement Day; they will wear a soldier's uniform instead. But could you expect the Class of 1917 to do otherwise than give generously of its boys and girls to the cause of patriotism, when the army, the navy, and the Red Cross call? Perhaps to some it has meant even greater heroism to relinquish the dream of a uniform and to serve simply and faithfully at home. But wherever we may be, in the service, the home, the office, or the school room, we shall be true to our country, and shall endeavor to prove that your hopes for us and your interest in us are not in vain.

We welcome you, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Burton, and teachers, because today we try to show in a measure our appreciation of the help you have given us, not only as givers of knowledge, but as makers of life's ideals. We realize today as we have not before, the self-denial, the faithfulness, the co-operation of parents, friends and fellow students that have been necessary to make our years in high school what they have been. Therefore, to each and every one who has thus contributed a share towards the bringing about of this memorable day, we bid a hearty and sincere welcome.



## History of the Class of 1917

DWIGHT LA GRANGE

**R**ECENTLY while seeking entertainment in an old library, I came across an old dust-covered volume. Its pages were time-worn and yellow with age; its binding stiff from disuse.

I was about to cast it aside, when its title attracted my attention. "The History of a High School" seemed to be an odd subject. I read the preface, "To give the future High School student ideas of the work already started" was its subject. Reading on I found the history of the different classes; my interest was aroused, and I found myself reading the History of the Class of '17.

"The Class of '17 entered High School in September, 1913. Under the careful guidance of Miss Rush, they met, and by their third week in the school, were duly organized as a class. Officers were elected; colors were chosen, the gold of the school colors to show their allegiance to the school, and purple to establish individuality. The chrysanthemum was selected to be the class flower.

"Many of the girls and boys joined the literary societies, and have since shown great ability as debaters and declaimers.

"In its first year, the Class of '17 furnished the stimulus for the other classes to put forth their best efforts in football, basketball, and track.

"At the close of their first year, the members of the Class of '17 had become imbued with the 'High School Spirit,' and had acquired a determination to establish a course for other classes to follow."

Re-adjusting my glasses and finding a more comfortable position, I continued to read.

"On September 21, 1914, the first meeting of the year was held, and the following officers were elected:

<i>President</i> .....	ROBERT PEARCE
<i>Vice President</i> .....	JOHN GUSTAFSON
<i>Secretary</i> .....	MILDRED HUDSON
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	HARRY B. LYFORD

"During this year the Class of '17 was well represented in football, basketball, and track. The girls made a remarkable record in the Girls' Basketball Tournament.

"Parties and good times were the feature of our Sophomore year. In fact, we kept the other classes envious of our brilliant social functions.

"When we entered our Junior year, the eyes of the school were upon us. Would we develop athletes and speakers to uphold the honor of Rock Island upon the gridiron, basketball floor, and the platform?

"Mercer, Hendren, Martin, Dempsey and Franing were our representatives in football. Dempsey, Fotch and Wilson starred in basketball. John Gustafson, Arthur Dodson, Lester Turner, Marie Williams, and Dorothy Algie represented our efforts in the declamatory contests and gave an excellent account of themselves. Elizabeth Swisher was placed on the WATCH TOWER staff for a second time.

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"The work of Dempsey, Wilson and Fotch won for us the Boys' Basketball Tournament.

"In the most difficult dramatic effort ever undertaken by the school, the production of the Merchant of Venice, the leading roles were capably taken by members of the Class of '17. Harry Lyford truly and forcibly brought out the sadness of Antonio. Arthur Dodson emphasized and with true ability brought out the spontaneous laughter in the heart of Bassanio. Dulce Seeley, as Portia, was really delightful.

"The banquet to the football men was only the beginning of our social activities and was featured by brilliant speeches and delicious refreshments. Our excursion given in honor of the Seniors was one of the most successful ever held. It produced a feeling of good fellowship and united our efforts for a bigger and better year to follow.

"Entering school at the beginning of our Senior year, we set out to do something which would cause the Rock Island High School to be proud of the Class of '17, and the City to be proud of the High School.

"Our new officers were:

<i>President</i> .....	LEWIS B. WILSON
<i>Vice President</i> .....	DOROTHY ALGIE
<i>Secretary</i> .....	MELBA CARLSON
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	HARRY B. LYFORD

"From our ranks the President of the Associated Students was chosen. Claude Mercer, Leland Dempsey, Vernie Hendren, Herbert Fotch, Lewis Wilson and Fred Martin were the stars of the football team. Owing to the excellent playing of Dempsey, Wilson and Fotch, the basketball team was enabled to contend for state honors. In track, too, the Seniors gave an excellent account of themselves. This year the Boys' Basketball Tournament resulted in a tie and no decision was given, but in knowledge of the game and ability to play, the Class of '17 was far superior to the other teams. Harry Lyford and Lewis Wilson worked faithfully on the WATCH TOWER, as did also Elizabeth Swisher, this making her third year on the staff.

"The Class Play was a decided success. Financially, it enables us to leave school with a clear conscience and all debts paid. And as for dramatic ability, well, it has been said by critics that some of the cast would make a serious mistake if they didn't take up acting as a profession.

"Our beautiful commencement program brings us to the goal on which we have centered our endeavor.

"The work of the Class of '17 has been marked, perhaps, by a class feeling and by petty prejudices, but deep down in our hearts may be found the "Spirit of the Rock Island High School," a determination to put the Rock Island High School in the class with the very best of high schools in the country, thru efficiency, good sportsmanship and excellent work."

There the history of the Class of '17 ended. Leaning back in my chair in silent reverie, I remembered that today was Class Day, and that I had been invited to attend the program. I went to the high school and found, thru the patient and efficient work of their teachers, thru an apparently carefree yet persistent effort of their own, that another group of young men and women, bearing the expressions of ambition, will, and hope, looked brightly into a promising future.



## Class Prophecy

*Place*—Clarke Apartments, Rock Island, Ill.

*Time*—Afternoon in May, 1927.

MARY CLARKE ..... Hostess  
FLORENCE McCONOCHIE ..... House guest from New York  
LE VERNE WOOD ..... Resident of the city  
LILLIAN GROSS ..... A prominent contractor's wife  
JULIA MARSHALL ..... Widow from New Orleans

(Mary and Florence on the stage).

Mary—Now that you are rested, we can have a long talk. Tell me about yourself. What have you been doing?

Florence—Oh, the same old story. I'm still an elocution teacher. Busy most of the time, but you know there is always something going on in New York.

Mary—Isn't it nice that you can enjoy the wonderful opportunities and are not tied down with a husband and children?

Florence—Yes, I do enjoy New York, and I am going to take you back with me. You have nothing to keep you here.

Mary—Oh, yes, indeed! I have only three weeks of this free, easy life.

Florence—Why, are you going to be married? Who is he? I never thought you would marry.

Mary—Marry? Oh, nothing so commonplace as that. I have been elected Mayor of Preemption, and take up my official duties the first of next month. No more duplex apartments for me. I am going to live in a bungalow in Preemption. I have had such a terrible time getting desirable tenants for my house, but now my troubles are ended. Cliff and Bess have already moved into the lower part, and Mil and Art are going to take this upper one.

Florence—How fortunate that they can be together!

Mary—Yes, I think it is, since Clifford and Art are in the same business.

Florence—We must call on them as soon as they are settled.

Mary—Yes. Lillian Gross lives in this block too. She has the grandest husband, one of our best contractors. Just now he is building for Bessie. Her man Willis has a lot on Tenth Avenue.

(Telephone bell rings. Mary answers).

Mary—Hello! Yes, this is Mary. Lillian? (It's Lillian now.) Is she here? (Judy's here from New Orleans.)

Florence—Julia Marshall?

Mary (nodding to Florence)—Did she just come? Where are you now? Oh! down at Hendren & Mercer's grocery. Well, can't you girls come up? We could all have such a good visit, with Florence and Judy both here. All right, good-bye.

Florence—Are they coming up?

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Mary—Yes, right away. I'm so glad Julia came. It will do her so much good to get away. You know she took charge of that school for girls, soon after her husband died; but it has been pretty hard.

Florence—It will be a rest for her to get back to Rock Island.

Mary—Yes, there are so many classmates whom she can see. You both live so far away, that this visit will be a real treat.

Florence—I never see any seventeeners in New York, except Philip Wagner and Lester Turner occasionally. Philip is overseer of the municipal gardens, you know, and Lester—I suppose you saw that he is our new Mayor.

Mary—Why, no, I've been so busy, I haven't seen the papers; but of course I know Frazier Vance was elected governor of Illinois.

Florence—Then you didn't see that Marion Stoddard was Robbed the other day in Chicago?

Mary—Robbed? No, I thought that was all off. But time can work great changes. You remember how quiet Edna Anderson was? Well, she has become one of America's foremost suffrage speakers, and Lawrence Nerming is almost a second Billy Sunday.

Florence—I had a letter from Kathryn. You know Kathryn Martin. She has gone into the hands of a reSeever.

Mary—Oh! The last time I heard from her, she was running a theatrical boarding house in Coal Valley.

Mary—Oh, here comes LeVerne Wood in her new Kerr Kar. Bessie Kerr is making a fortune, they say, with her automatic top. You remember LeVerne?

Florence—Yes. How has fate treated her?

Mary—Well, she is still looking for a husband, but enjoys herself in the meantime.

(LeVerne enters).

LeVerne—Hello, Mary. Come, take a ride! Well, Florence McConochie! When did you get here? How are you?

Florence—I just came yesterday.

LeVerne—How did you leave Nellie and Herbert?

Florence—Herbert Fotch and Nellie Bunning? Oh, they have moved that real estate office to Boston, where business is better.

LeVerne—My, isn't it hot? Can I have some Soady soda, Mary? Ruth must certainly be doing a good business this kind of weather.

Mary—Just a minute, I want to see what Louis Zeffren brought. He's our postman, you know. And Harry Wiesman is postmaster here. (Exit.)

LeVerne—How nice your hair looks, Florence. You don't look a bit older than the last time I saw you.

Florence—I went to the H. & H. Beauty Shop this morning and found Hattie and Harriette, so I just had to patronize them. What a becoming dress! Where did you get it?

LeVerne—Oh, Louise Schukraft made it for me. She is very good at costume designing.

(Mary returns with letter.)

Mary—Here is a letter from Marie Williams.

LeVerne—What is she doing now?

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Mary—Running an Old Maids' home with Marjorie Curtis. Two of the girls there, Mable Saum and Beth Emery, were married last week.

Florence—They had given up hope too soon.

Mary (opens newspaper)—And here is a paper from Peoria. Burtis Wilson is editor of the *Globe* there, you know. I suppose he sent it to me with an account of my election. Yes, here it is. (Passes it to Florence.)

Florence—How nice. Oh! Listen, girls! Maud Shaw and Mildred Moffitt have returned from Red Cross service.

LeVerne—You have heard that Charles Lerch and George Baird had already returned?

Florence—And here is another article. Walter Bergendorf has broken the record at the aviation meet in England.

(Enter Lillian and Julia.)

Lillian—Hello, girls! How's Florence? (Shakes hands with Florence.)

Julia—Hello, everybody! (Greets all.) What a nice reunion this is!

Florence—How could you leave your school, Judy? I'll bet they're celebrating while you are taking your vacation.

Julia—Oh, I suppose so, but I'll only be gone ten days. I want to visit High School and look up all old friends. I hear Elizabeth Oglevee has taken Miss Sturgeon's place as head of the English department.

Mary—I was at Miss Sturgeon's wedding the other night and saw several of her former students. Leona Vanatta, now the professor's wife, was with Blanche Dolly. B. D. still has her admirers, but she can't make up her mind to settle down.

LeVerne—I was over to school the other day and saw John Ringgold standing in the front of Room 13 valiantly leading the Chorus class. I went down the hall and discovered Nita Bregger teaching shorthand and typewriting.

Florence—Russel Franing has a fine position at Yale now and is firing questions as he used to do in class to pass time, and Demetrios Galanos teaches Greek there.

Mary—Genevieve Purcell is teaching French at Wellesley.

Lillian—We were late this afternoon because we stopped to get a cake for supper. Marie Carlson bakes such good ones that Jack doesn't like mine any more. And then as we passed the nifty little hat shop that Marie Theus manages, we simply couldn't resist the temptation to go in and try on one or two.

Julia—Then we met Leland Dempsey on the way and stopped to talk to him.

Florence—What's he doing?

Julia—Why, he is head of the police force here.

Lillian—And Tom Duffy is plain clothes man and chases criminals in his Ford.

LeVerne—Julia, I am going to take you to church with me Sunday. You remember our class president, Lewis Wilson? He is our new minister, and Edna makes the sweetest wife. She takes such an active interest in the young women's missionary class, which is supporting Ada Young in China.

(Mary brings in doughnuts, lemonade, and popcorn.)

Lillian—How good!

Mary—I think they're fine. I bought them at Nimie Johnson's shop. She makes a specialty of them.



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Florence—Did you know that Emil Goldman was a chef in National Park?

Mary—And do you like lemonade, girls? Clifford Cook and Edward Burton heard about our little reunion and sent some of their choice lemons.

LeVerne—Popcorn always makes me think of the circus.

Lillian—Ringling Brothers is coming Saturday. Bill Gleason is their star clown. We must try to see him. And Goldye Sosna and Mary Ziffrin are broncho riders. They can ride those wild ponies straight from Fred Martin's and John Sullivan's ranch in Wyoming.

Florence—Did you know that Adah Bauersfeld and Mabel Swanson are noted for their fine race horses?

Mary—No, but where are Minnie and Myra?

Lillian—Happily married.

Mary—So are Lottie Rimmerman and Dora Leftstein.

Florence—My feet hurt me dreadfully. Mary insisted on my going out to Milan to Bess' shoe store to buy a pair of pumps, and I never got such a fit in my life! And who do you think I saw in Milan when I went to get my check cashed to pay Bess for the shoes? Max Morris and Israel Finkelstein. They are managing the First National Bank there.

Julia—Did I tell you that on the train from St. Louis, who should take my ticket but Matilda Thompson? We had such a good talk. She asked me if I had seen Cornelia Darling and Maude Hull, who were in the next coach.

Mary—So you had company part of the way.

Julia—Yes, we dined together. Cornelia is lecturing for the Stuhr Chautauqua Bureau, and Maude has charge of the Home Economics exhibits. Maude told me that Florence Livingston is manager of Marshall Field's, and that Hilda Voss and Anna Vogeles are instructors in Home Economics at Urbana. Maude gave a demonstration for them last month. And Charles Boehme was the engineer on the train. He heard that I was on his train, and came back to ask me if he were running it too fast.

Mary—Wasn't that lovely! Girls, I want you to hear a new record I got the other day. (Plays a little.) Do you recognize the voice?

Florence—Why, that sounds like Dot Algie!

Mary—Yes. Agnes Johnson accompanies her. You can't hear it very distinctly.

Lillian—Why don't you get that new attachment Ben Sperbeck has patented?

LeVerne—Girls, can't you all go to the movies with me to-morrow night? Dulce Seeley and Lewis Saulpaugh are playing at the Friestat—Bert Friestat's theater, you know.

Florence—How queer that Lewis isn't in a position where he can talk more.

LeVerne—Oh, he does that the little while he is in Congress every year.

Mary—I am sure we would enjoy going, but the Gustafson's asked us to go to the Columbia with them to see the new Comic Vaudeville star—in real life, Myrtle Jens.

Julia—What is John doing?

Mary—He is proprietor of the Harper House Pharmacy and makes a specialty of Melba cosmetics.

Lillian—I am so sorry, but we can't go, either. We have tickets for the theater, and I must hear Ruth Dodson. Marvin McNeill accompanies her at the piano and

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Mary Kelinson on the violin. This is her first and only appearance here; otherwise we would enjoy the movies with you.

Julia—We certainly have some noted people from the Class of '17.

Lillian—I should say so! Rollin Haines is senator from Illinois and Dwight La Grange is his secretary. Myrtle Wessel is the first woman in the House of Representatives.

LeVerne—Girls, wouldn't you like to come for a ride? I must show you my new car. We can stop for lunch at Hohenstein and Breecher's Wayside Inn.

Florence—But can we be back in time for the dance?

Mary—Oh, yes; it doesn't begin till nine, anyway.

Julia—What dance?

All—Harry Lyford's dancing class!!

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### Class Song

BLANCHE DOLLY

Many are the days we've spent here,  
Blest happiness without alloy,  
Now the time has come for parting,  
Farewell, sweet joy, sweet joy.  
Teams unnumbered we have challenged,  
High the score and glory won,  
Class of Seventeen, we hail thee,  
You will never be outdone.

Ours' we'll make a grateful parting,  
To you, teachers one and all,  
You who have most kindly led us  
And encouraged us so well.  
With you, O dear Rock Island High,  
We our tribute true will leave.  
To you who have been our heart's ideal  
Will our memory still cleave.

As we fondly bid each other  
A farewell, undaunted, true,  
The path we take shall be thy honor,  
Seventeen, we're true to you.  
So sing with me once more, O friends,  
Not sadly, but with beating hearts,  
The joy of dear, sweet Seventeen,  
Each to the other, as he parts.

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### Presentation of Gift to the School

HARRY H. WIESMAN

**F**OUR years ago, when as Freshmen, this Class of 1917 entered the Rock Island High School, they assumed the responsibilities of living up to and continuing such customs and traditions of the school as made for its betterment.

The Class of 1914 proposed an entirely new idea by which to express their appreciation and gratitude to the school, and laid the foundation of the Students' Endowment Fund—an endowment which is to be used for the purpose of enabling needy students to complete their high school course.

Each successive class has generously contributed to this fund, feeling that it was really accomplishing something.

Now it has come our turn to do what we can, and it is our desire to increase this fund in order that others, less fortunate, may attain the advantages of those privileges of educational facilities, we have so thoroly enjoyed during the past four years.

Therefore, in behalf of the Class of 1917, it pleases me to present this gift of \$50.00 to the Student Endowment Fund.

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### Farewell Address

THOMAS DUFFY

**F**OUR years ago, for the first time, we members of the Class of 1917 stood on the threshold of this great institution of learning, with fear and anxiety in our hearts, thinking every moment that the flood of knowledge would rush upon us with such force as to sweep us away. But every member of the class faced the turbulent stream with determination, and now we have reached the end of our Senior year.

At this season of the year, graduating classes all over the country are assembling for the last time in their school life, and members of former classes are recalling their commencement days and sympathizing with us.

Each member of the class has his own conception as to the importance of the day, but for all it is a transition period, when we regretfully say farewell to the past and joyfully look forward to the future.

In all the high school activities, whether athletic, social, or educational, the Class of '17 has endeavored to support the high standard of the school. We have failed many times to live up to our ambition, but each failure gave us renewed determination for the next effort.

We appreciate that the demands of the present age are very great, and in order



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to take our place in the world and live successful, useful lives, we must have advantages in the way of education that were not demanded of our fathers and grandfathers. Hence we are very grateful for the opportunities afforded by a high school education.

As we go out from school to find our place in the great sea of life, we shall remember the guidance of teachers and friends, but it lies with the individual himself whether or not he succeeds. Success does not come easily. It comes, if it comes at all, with hard and untiring effort, but we have learned that the greater the effort, the greater the pleasure when success does come.

In our association in the business world we shall often be guided by the splendid advise and counsel of our Principal, Mr. Burton, when we struggle alone with difficulties, we shall appreciate more and more the willing assistance given to us by our teachers during our school days. But to-day we are assembled to say farewell to all the old associations we have learned to love so well.

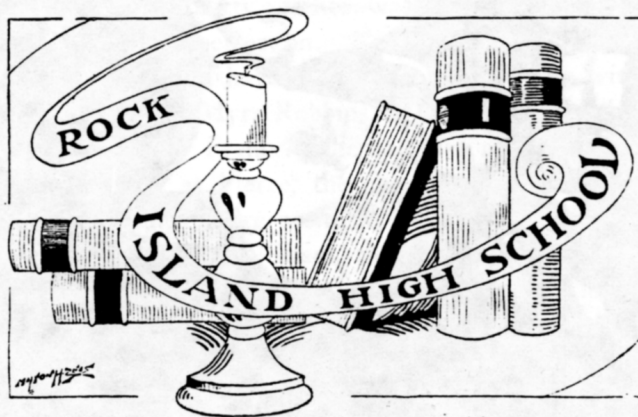
We walk through the familiar halls and glance into the recitation rooms. We listen to the echoes from the gymnasium and wonder if our voices will ever be heard there again. We stop beside the lockers, where we have lingered so many times in loving conversation, till the cruel signal tore us reluctantly away.

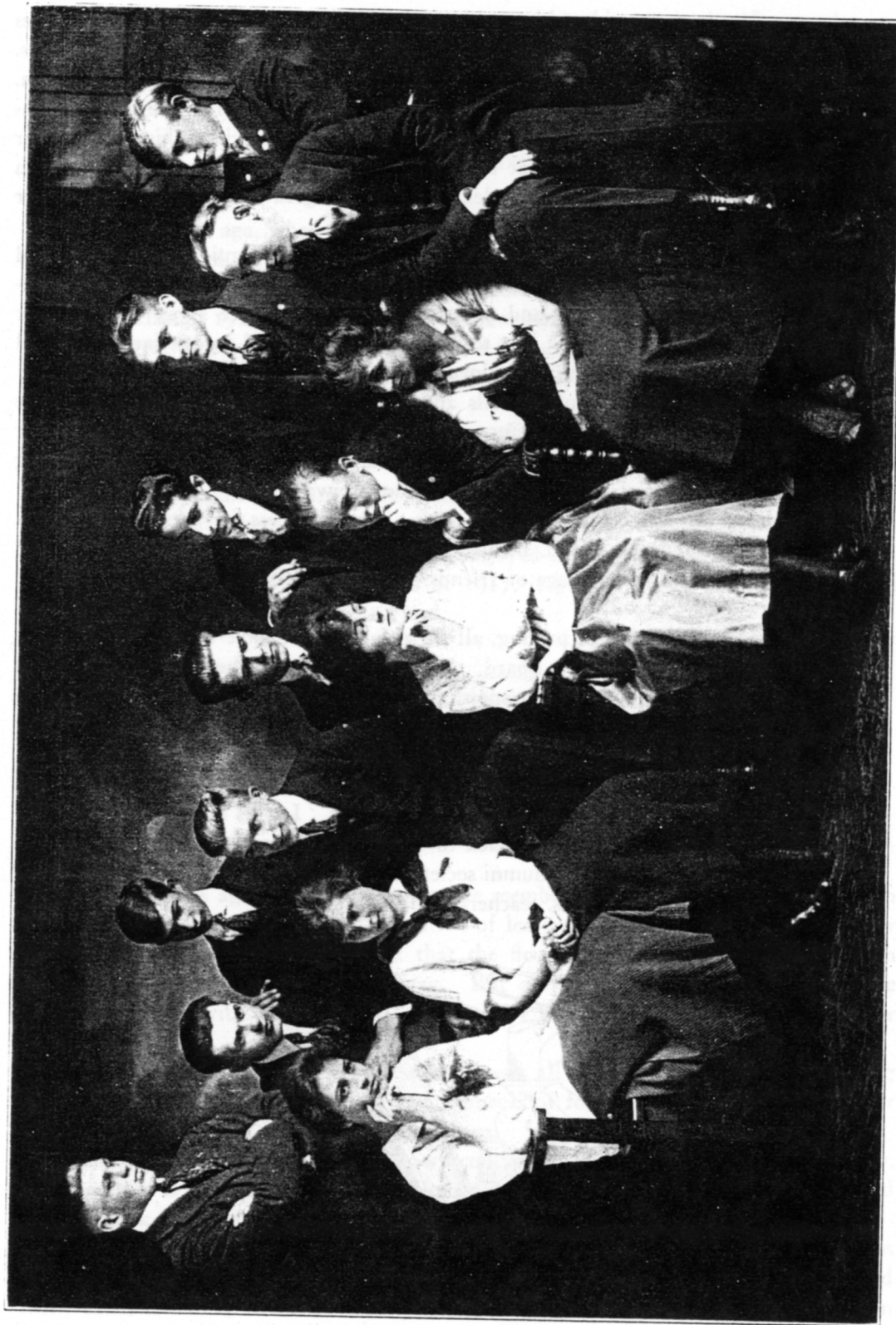
A thousand memories awake in us a spirit of thankfulness for these opportunities which the citizens of Rock Island, through great sacrifice, have afforded us. And as we say good-bye to this assemblage of friends, we wish to thank you for all you have given us.

As we face the moment of parting, all the privileges we have enjoyed, and all the unselfish service of patrons, the Board, the Superintendent, the Principal and the teachers is borne in upon our consciousness, and we are tremendously grateful.

We, the members of the Class of 1917, must scatter in the wide world according to our several interests. We approach this farewell day with unusual seriousness, because some of our boys have answered their country's call and have enlisted in the army. We are proud of them, but we miss them to-day. Let us hope that the alumni reception next year will draw us all back to the old hall again, to greet one another and to take our place in the great alumni society of the Rock Island High School.

And now farewell to friends, teachers, and classmates.





CLASS PLAY CAST

## Class Play

### "THE MAN ON THE BOX"

#### CAST:

Lieutenant Robert Worburton.....	HARRY B. LYFORD	Clerk of the Court.....	CLIFFORD COOK
Mr. Charles Henderson, his chum.....	ARTHUR DODSON	Officer O'Brien.....	LELAND DEMPSEY
Col. George Annesley, a retired army officer.....		Officer Cassidy.....	CHARLES BOEHME
.....	JOHN GUSTAFSON	William, a stable boy.....	CLIFFORD COOK
Count Karloff, a Russian diplomat.....	LESTER TURNER	Miss Betty Annesley, the colonel's daughter.....	
Col. Frank Raleigh, Worburton's colonel.....	JOHN RINGGOLD	.....	MARIE WILLIAMS
Monsieur Pierre, the Annesley's chef.....	EMIL GOLDMAN	Miss Nancy Worburton, her chum.....	DOROTHY ALGIE
Magistrate Watts, of the 3rd Precinct Court.....		Mrs. Conway, her confidante.....	KATHRYN MARTIN
.....	ROLLIN HAINES	Cora, her maid.....	MYRA ROBBINS

My dear Jane:—

YOU can't possibly imagine what you missed when you went west instead of staying here for our class play. It was the best play in years. Everyone said so, even old graduates, and it was, too. You know we were the first class to have it at the Illinois Theater, and it surely aided in making it the success that it was. And the cast—they were positively wonderful! The play itself was so clever; you know it was "The Man on the Box." This is the plot:

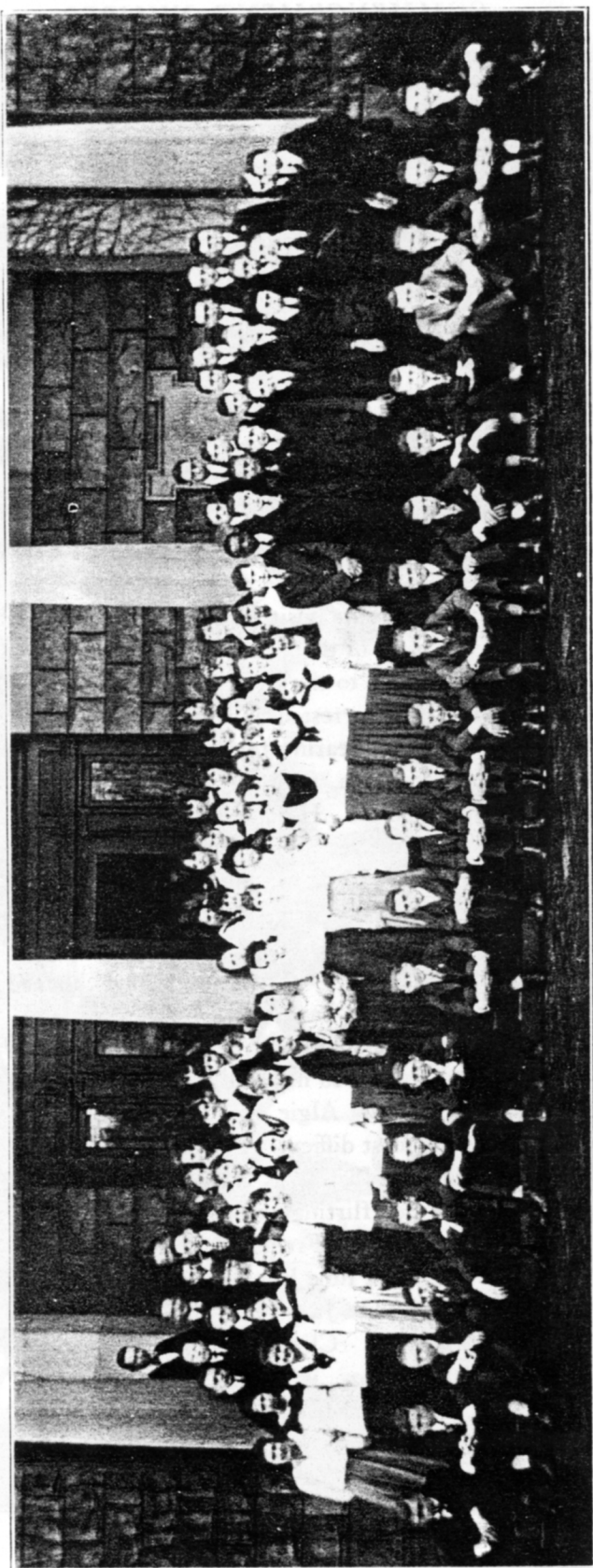
Robert Worburton arrives home from a several years' visit in Europe, and plans to play a joke on his sister and mother by taking the place of their coachman, and decides to end it all by kissing his sister. He carries his plans out to the letter, except that he gets the wrong carriage and kisses the wrong girl! He is arrested and spends the night in jail. His friend, Charlie Henderson, secures a private hearing for him and Miss Betty Annesley, the girl of the stolen kiss, appears against him, pays his fine and offers him as a means of retribution, the position of her coachman. He agrees and gets into one mixup after the other, meets his friends at her home, etc. Betty's father is making negotiations with a foreign country through Count Karloff for the sale of some fortification plans of the United States. James Osborne (Worburton's alias) saves him from himself, and then Betty promises to "love, honor and obey." Isn't that lovely?

If you could have seen Marie Williams as Betty, you wouldn't have blamed Harry Lyford, as Robert W., for undergoing the many hardships he did in order to win her. Harry was just great, he certainly was the spirit and not the letter of the play. Art Dodson, as Charles Henderson, played his part so naturally that the audience was just waiting to hear of his elopement with Dorothy Algie, as Nancy Worburton. The part of Colonel Annesley, Betty's father, was a most difficult part, but, nevertheless, John Gustafson carried it to perfection. Kathryn Martin, as Mrs. Conway, made a stunning widow. You would have died to see her flirting with Rollin Haines, as Judge Watts. When you saw Myra Robbins, as Cora, the French maid, for a moment you imagined yourself in sunny France. She had such a time listening to the numerous troubles of Emil Goldman, as Pierre, the chef. And Jane, Leland Dempsey and Charles Boehme, as policemen, were positively screams. Clifford Cook took the part of the clerk of the court and of William, the stable boy, in a very capable manner. Oh, I've forgotten Lester Turner, as the villain, Count Karloff. Honestly, he just made me shiver with his cold-blooded manner. And last was John Ringgold, as Colonel Rahleigh. The part seemed to be made for him, or else he was just made for the part. I hope you will be able to realize from this letter how wonderful our play really was, but I'm afraid mere words are inadequate.

With oodles of love,

BETH LORING.





CLASS OF 1918

The peppiest class in school!

**T**HIS was the aim of the Juniors this year, and they feel certain that all other classes will agree that they have lived up to it. If you don't believe it, just listen awhile to a brief history of their social events. The first thing they did was to win the WATCH TOWER subscription campaign, and on the evening of the theater party given to them in honor of it they returned the compliment and had "eats" in the "Commons." Then they entertained the football team at a box party at the Columbia Theater and had "eats" and dancing at Janssen's afterwards. Well, as long as they claimed the Boys' Basketball Tournament (all the other classes do, too) they thought their team deserved a spread, so they gave them a dinner on the Monday following the tournament. Then came one of the most important events of the year, the Junior party. On March 17, they had a dancing party—with games during the intermissions—in the Manual Arts building. Everyone had a *grand* time and all decided to continue the good work next year. Just wait and see. But the crowning event of the year was the excursion they gave for the Seniors. Everyone enjoyed the games, dancing, music and refreshments. Now, who can say they did not fulfill their aim.

# Juniors



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Ass't Treasurer

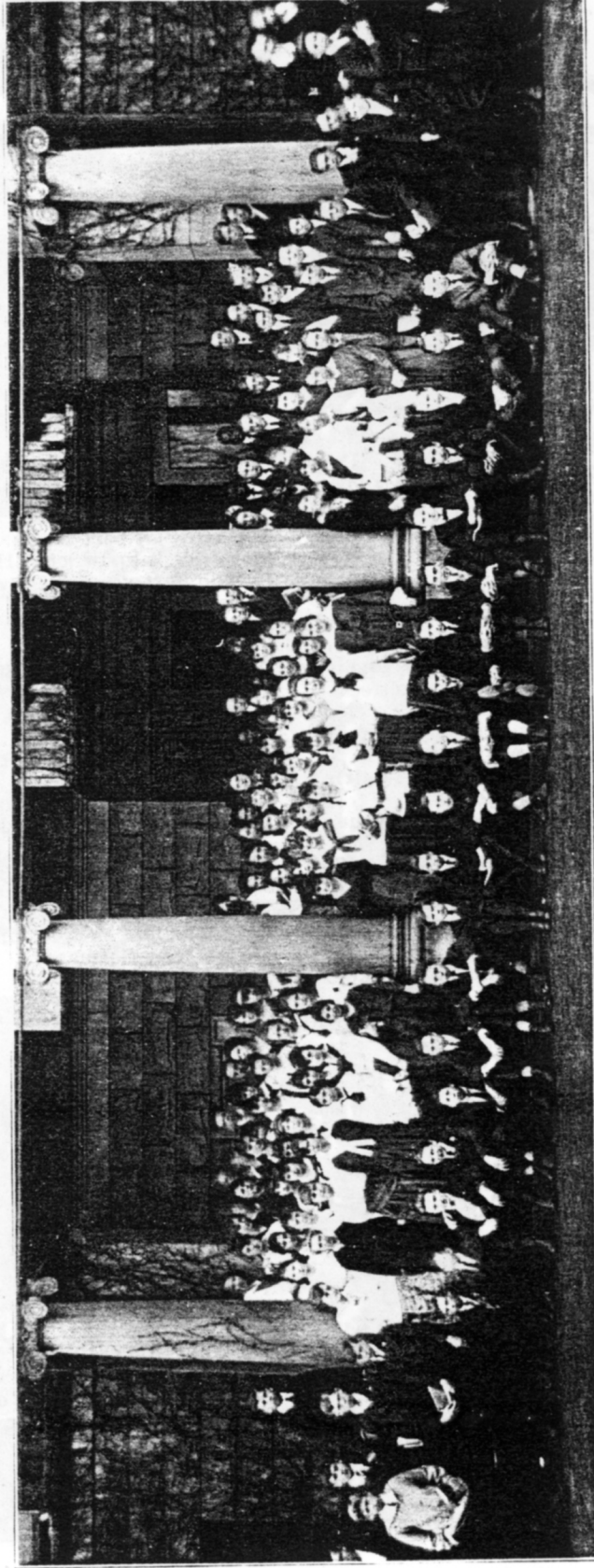
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Vice President

Arthur Bruner  
Secretary

Name	What sed person has done for the Junior Class	What sed person will do for sed class next year
George Adams	Used a rope	Something desperate
Clara Arnell	Minded her own business	Important part in class play
Harold Heimbeck	Captured the S. B.	We don't know <i>what</i> Heine will do next year
Una Sodergren	Assisted K. Journey	Dance
Bus Brown	Joined the National Guard	Come back with "Bing"
Mary Stauduhar	Honored us with that lisp	Go out for Declamation
Art Allen	Worked hard as a member of the Social Committee?	Oh, yes, he will be a Senior
Jaunita Funkenstein	Grew interested in Track Meets	What <i>will</i> she do?
Bill Schofer	Originated <i>that</i> walk	Promote it
Hortense Bassett	Beauty always adds	Provide a heroine for the C. P.
Katherine Hackstadt	One of our magazine girls	Very popular
Kirk Journey	Handled the cash	Study Home Economics
Norma Wigers	Furnished constant vaudeville	Who can say what Norm' will do next?
"Bing" Anderson	Represented us in the War	"Then he'll come back again"
Frieda Nuessli	Supported Norma	Giggle her way to graduation
John Dice	Allied us with the Sophomores	Start a Y. M. C. A.
Marie Bruner	Loved, lost, and loved again	A little <i>light</i> on the subject, Marie
Guenter Bickel	An object for lullabies	Fight the Germans!
Charlotte Huesing	Wrote and inspired jokes	Keep on boosting
Dora Daly	Pep	More pep
"Pink" Tabor	Originated the "Musical Walk"	Captain of B. B. team
Raymond Thoms	Offered suggestions	Keep up the good work
Etta Winter	Raised our standard of mental efficiency	Go out for Debating
"Hoot" Ellinwood	Won athletic honors	Become a "star"
"Vip" Patten	Demonstrated aesthetic dancing	Who knows?
Hugh Lawson	Boosted Ciceronian	Continue to do so!
Arthur Bruner	Kept records of class meetings	Class Historian
Erla De Laney	Been "Vip's" partner	Whatever "Vip" does
"Cliff" Johnson	Studied noted people— especially Hudson	Graduate!
Bertha Emig	Came back to us	Stay with us
Stewart Battles	Regular business man	Regular "ladies" man
Gertrude Lamont	Kept track of "Cassy"	Let "Cassy" keep track of herself
Kathryn Hynes	Tried to grow taller	Succeed
Dan Cavanaugh	Brought the dictionary into use	Be able to do without it
Ida Gross	Been an all-round student	Be Etta's colleague in debating
Idwal Roberts	Watched a certain Soph.	Pick out a member of his own class
Lois Wright	Quietly looked on	Keep up her reputation
Leona Gavin.	Taught us "to do unto others"	Teach us more
"Chet" Carlson	Manufactured dreams	Make 'em come true
"Bob" Clark	Written the jokes, Char has "inspired"	Write class prophecy



CLASS OF 1919

**L**ARGE in numbers but short on class spirit characterizes the Class of '19 the past year. After a fairly good Freshman year they succumbed to the Sophomore "jinx." By next year it is to be hoped that once more pep will make itself visible and that they will go thru their Junior year with flying colors. Notwithstanding their apparently dormant state they have made valuable contributions to the athletic teams and put a scrappy five on the floor in the Boys' Tournament. Thru the efforts of the class sponsors and a few energetic members, a novel party was held January 27th.



## Sophomores



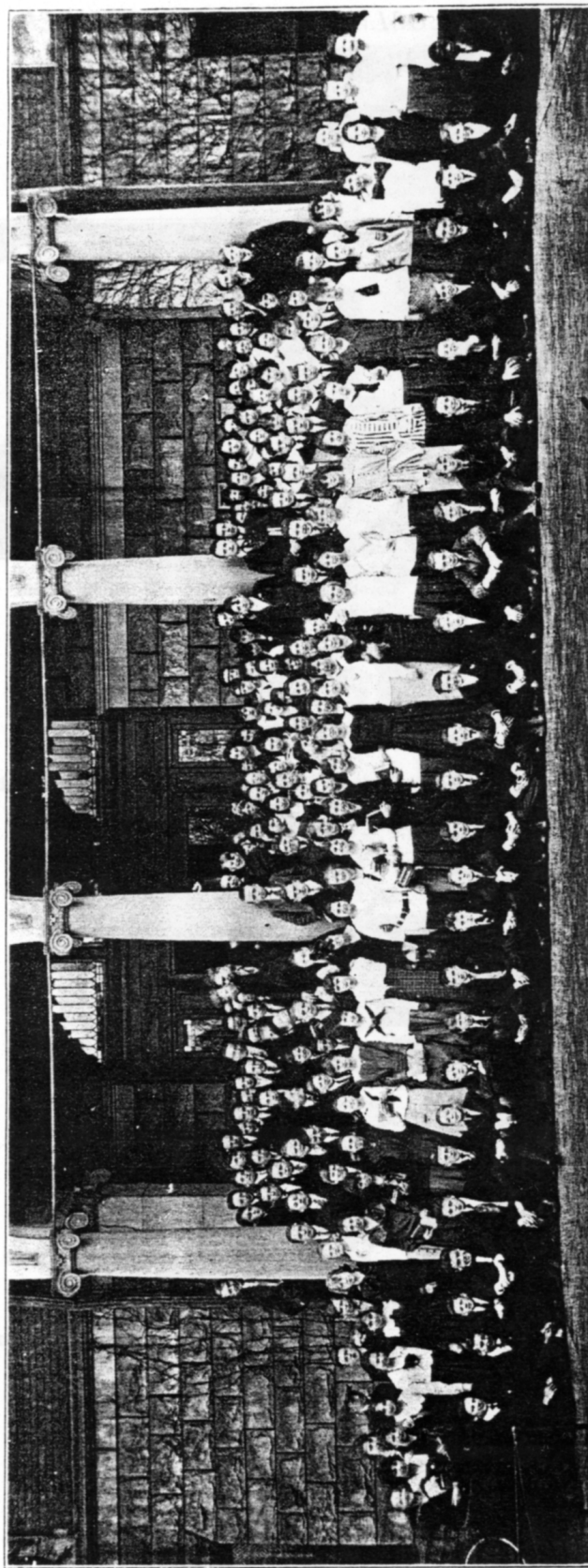
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Treasurer

<i>Name</i>	<i>Where usually found</i>	<i>Favorite occupation</i>
"Bill" McCombs	Cutting muslin	Driving that car
May Hynes	Milan	Trying to be an angel
"Dick" Dopp	"Roamin' around"	Extolling the virtues of Richard
Vera Vernon	With Dorothy	Studying (?)
Francis Dunn	Hurrying off somewhere	Talking to the girls
Victoria Wilhelm	Doing Theadelphic work	Talking in the Assembly
"Wienie" Wilson	Anywhere but at school	Reciting "Fireman"
Dorothy Cleveland	With Vera	Criticizing.....?
Howard Holcombe	You never <i>can find him</i>	Selling ice cream cones
Gail Huntoon	Somewhere near Edith	Going to movies
Ralph Welch	In his free jitney bus	Bluffing
Gladys Nelson	At Leona's locker	Writing notes
Willard Schaeffer	Where his program says he should be	Hunting ads (?)
Imogene Rinck	Home	Staying there
Paul Parker	With his Latin book	Using it
Alice Journey	Music counter of 5 & 10c store	Eating pie
Clarence Willets	Bound on some good mission	Rooting for "Sophs"
Margaret Kinney	At her locker	Talking (?)
Marvin Lincke	Watching for the "bunch"	Smiling
Dorothy Kaupke	Resting	Worrying about her studies
Oliver Peterson	We don't know	Keeping out of trouble
Orvilla Whisler	'Most any place	Breaking hearts
Raymond Rietz	<i>Usually</i> where he belongs	Taking down cherry blossoms
Dorothy Dibbern	At a bargain sale	Flirting
Lee Holcombe	Where he doesn't belong	Keeping his locker in order
Evelyn Hudson	"Everywhere," she says	Thinking of.....??
Fred Peck	Before a mirror	Admiring himself
Martha Riddell	At Campfire	Playing tennis
Meredith Ackley	Tinkering over his car	Arguing
Agatha Pedersen	Looking for Edith	Teaching Sunday School



CLASS OF 1920

NOT for many a year has R. I. H. S. been so fortunate as to have so live and bright a first year class as the one pictured above. In the classroom and in school activities they are always up and coming. They turned out to the games, rooted as hard or harder than the Seniors and—well, you remember the exhibition they put on at the Boys' Tournament, both on the floor and in the gallery. If you have ever glanced in at one of their meetings, you recall the business-like attitude of the officers and interested eagerness of the others. The largest Freshman party in history was the one held on May 7th in the Manual Arts building. Energetic bodies of workers were in evidence on that afternoon, and by evening all was trimmed and decorated in most complete fashion. Then came the Freshies, singly and in couples, and to say that they enjoyed themselves is putting it mildly. It is to be hoped that the Class of '20 will overcome the "jinx" of the usually dead Sophomore year and continue their unwavering pep thruout their course in R. I. H. S.

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## Freshmen



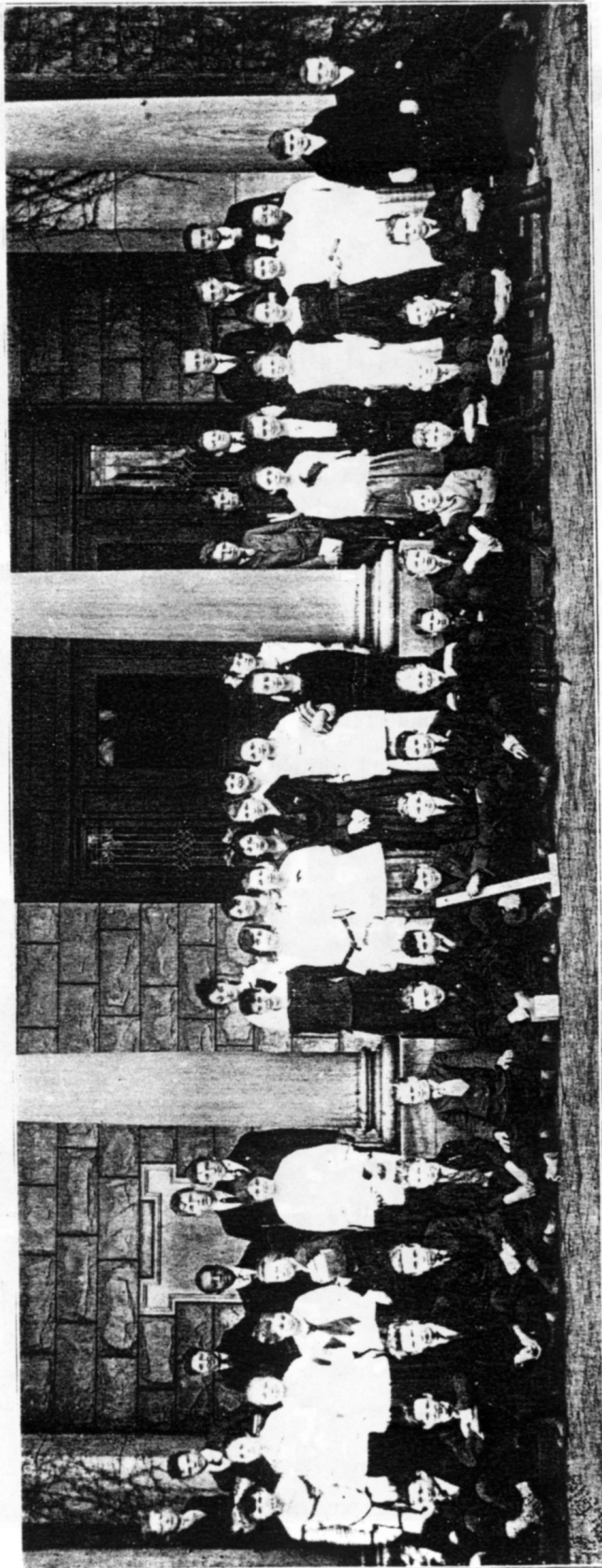
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Treasurer

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appearance</i>	<i>Opinion of Opposite Sex</i>
Earl Paddock	Manly	Rosy
Vesta Dempsey	Innocent	Knows nothing about them
Vernon De Laney	Ailing	Queen
Amy Comegys	Child-like	Necessary evil
Leslie Sundeen	Lengthy	Too pert
Ruth Swisher	Immense	Noticeable
Richard Ullemeyer	Wise	All right
Dorothy Kenworthy	Babyish	Act nice
Edith Louden	Wonderful	A hero
Francis Kinney	Frightful	Beyond hope
Aileen Trent	Pink and white	Handsome
Bela Metcalf	Threatening	Indifferent
Bertha Baker	Confident	Magnificent
Dean Rueckert	Desperate	Not very encouraging
Eleanore Souders	Saucy	Attentive listeners
Verner Greve	Dignified	Indifferent
Naoma Johnson	Winning	Leading man
Allan Klove	Dwarf-like	Inconceivable
Anna Marie Van Duzer	Curly	Immaterial
Ernest Lindorff	Saint-like	Wouldn't appear well in print
Madeline Browne	Very bright	Lucious
Thomas Garrod	Sleek	A woman-hater
Agnes Algie	Clever	So sweet
Eugene Burton	Portly	Not bad
Mae Lewis	Sleepy	Out of the question
Wilfred Ellinwood	Commanding	Handsome
Bernice Nice	Angelic	A bad lot
Homer Smith	Learned	Hard-hearted
Gladys Dice	Dimpling	Too bold
Milo Taxman	Solid	Gigglers
Clara Frantz	Monkey-like	Can't see them!
Julius Levenstein	Wise	Fair
Alice Heimbeck	Ailing	Never heard
Canton Carnes	Blooming	Like to know her better, but no hopes
Henrietta Dittman	Hungry	Impossible
Boyer Fisher	Almost human	Short but sweet
Edna Griffin	Doll-like	Rather cute
Argyl Buckert	Bashful	Don't know
Sylvia Bennett	Studious	Perfect gentlemen
Linvell Cox	Rough-neck	Unapproachable
Wilma Curtis	Angelic	Crazy about them
Mac Nichols	Mighty	A dream
Elva Hill	Bashful	She blushed once
Leslie Flood	Scared	Indifferent
Zora Taxman	Neat	She wouldn't say



MIDYEAR CLASS OF 1921



## Associated Students



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President

Clifford Myers  
Vice President

George B. Adams  
Secretary

William McCombs  
Treasurer

“**R**EVIVE OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT” was the subject of an article which appeared in the 1912 Commencement Number of the *WATCH TOWER*. Included in this article was the following sentence, “It is the plan of the school authorities to inaugurate an organization which will go under the name, The Associated Student Body of the Rock Island High School, of which every pupil of this school will be a member. This organization’s chief purpose will be to instill into the students a sound school spirit, and its authorities will have charge of all mass meetings, and the like.”

Largely through Principal Burton’s efforts, the formation of such an organization was effected the following school year, 1912—1913. The idea was entirely new then, and few schools, below the rank of colleges, even now boast of a purely student organization of which every student is a member and has a voice in its affairs.

As quoted above, one purpose of this organization was to instill school spirit into the students. Until this year, however, that particular purpose has been more or less neglected. Upon taking office at the opening of this school year, the officers set about making extensive plans for a spirit reviving campaign. Before every home gridiron contest enthusiastic assemblies were held and the results were highly satisfactory both in regard to attendance at the games and the enthusiasm displayed. An elaborate and novel Christmas program was also a feature of the year’s undertaking. During the whirlwind basketball season, yell and song practices were frequent and the climax of the year was reached, when in our auditorium, after Rock Island’s victory over Moline, occurred the most enthusiastic rejoicing ever held. The new 18 by 6 Rock Island banner, procured through the efforts of the student officers, was presented to the school at that time. Again at the track season the organization was instrumental in drumming up enthusiasm, and whenever anything of school wide interest arises, the officers are called upon to aid in “putting it over.”

This organization of the students, for the students, and by the students is yet in its infancy, and the field for development in the years to come is unlimited.



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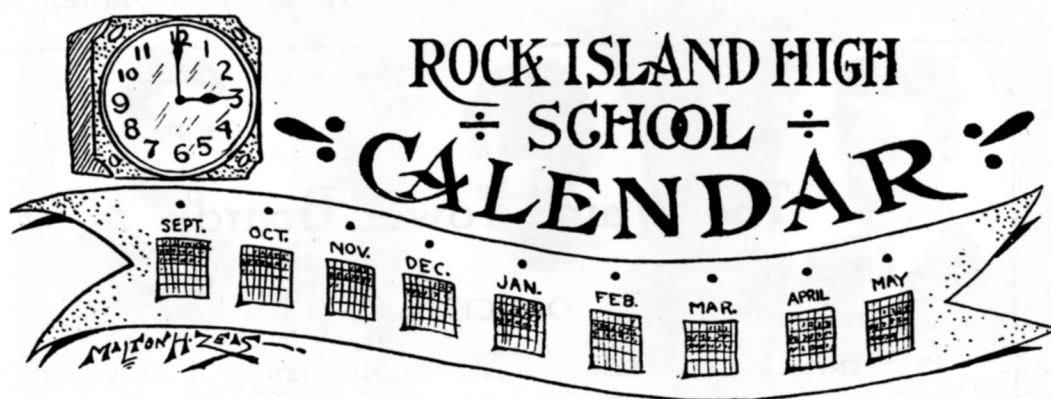
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SYLVIA BENNETT, '20.....	FRESHMAN EDITOR



- Sept. 5—School opens.
- Sept. 6—No danger of the students learning anything for a while, anyway, 'cause the Freshies have come.
- Sept. 8—Mel sports a classy new sash.
- Sept. 11—Arthur Dodson has a most artistic haircut.
- Sept. 13—First general assembly. Paper campaign is launched.
- Sept. 20—Dorothy Cleveland and Kenneth Dierolf receive prizes for bringing the largest amount of paper.
- Sept. 23—Pig tail day.
- Sept. 25—Football candidates are hard at work.
- Oct. 4—Wienie Roast! Cold B. D.?
- Oct. 6—Watch Tower subscription campaign is on! 600 subscriptions or sink!
- Oct. 12—Art has another haircut.
- Oct. 20—Where can the Junior social committee meet?
- Oct. 24—Juniors proclaimed victors of subscription campaign.
- Oct. 26—Argus-Dispatch contest! Such hard work, but wasn't it fun?
- Oct. 28—Gloom prevails! Moline 26, R. I. 7.
- Nov. 4—Fares, please! Any transfer, Art Allen!
- Nov. 6—We have been requested to state that Art Dodson has another haircut!
- Nov. 8—Watch Tower party for the Juniors. Each gentleman saw a lady home, according to Mr. Anderson's instructions. Duck out, Adams!
- Nov. 10—Win that bet, George!
- Nov. 11—Clif Myers had a dispute at the Davenport game. First aid, please!
- Nov. 12—First snow!
- Nov. 13—Senior Hard Times party. What's that you said about your Lou? Poor Demp!
- Nov. 17—Alice Journey surrounds seven pieces of butterscotch pie at lunch.
- Nov. 22—Senior class rings chosen.
- Nov. 23, 24—Thanksgiving.
- Dec. 2—Soft Collar Day. Harry put one over on the boys all right.



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- Dec. 10—Arthur has his raven tresses cut.
- Dec. 14—Senior class rings arrive.
- Dec. 19—Certain boys issue a decree that no loud shirts shall be worn, and they enforce it too.
- Dec. 22—Christmas program. "Santy" is so kind to some good little boys and girls.
- Dec. 23—Frank Wolfe has a telephone installed in his home. It's a real one too.
- Dec. 22 to Jan. 8—Vacation.
- Jan. 1—Hoot Ellinwood attends a watch party where they give away watches. *Some class!*
- Jan. 3—Basketball game at the "Y." Enjoy yourself, Horty?
- Jan. 11—Guenter Bickel recites in Chemistry.
- Jan. 16—Some Junior girls had a good time! Sh-h-h!
- Jan. 18—Pay Day! Art get his hair cut.
- Jan. 21—End of quarter. Report cards and Watch Tower!
- Jan. 22—Just like spring! There is so much green about the halls. Yes, 'tis the new Freshies.
- Jan. 22—Not a soul walked to school to-day! We just slipped and slipped and slipped.
- Jan. 27—Festival of the Cherry Blossoms—in other words, the Sophomore class party.
- Feb. 6—Arthur Dodson reaches his seventeenth birthday and gets his hair cut.
- Feb. 7—Girls' Tri-City Declamatory Contest. R. I. is Tri-City Champ.
- Feb. 9—Huge Rock Island banner presented to school at Moline victory rejoicing.
- Feb. 19—Window in Watch Tower office broken. Now, don't get nervous, Howard, for we won't mention any names!
- Feb. 20—One of "Wienie's" friends came back to school. Then, too, it was teachers' meeting night and Mr. Ferguson had such a hard time.
- Feb. 21—Musical organizations give concert.
- Feb. 23, 24—District Basketball Tournament. R. I. brings home the bacon! Mary Clarke also brings home some spoils. Haven't you noticed her Galesburg pin.
- Feb. 26—We celebrate in honor of our Championship. Dempsey talks on poached eggs and toast and toast on poached eggs. Dick Dopp confesses the magnitude of his ability, and Herbie Fotch talks on—well, he was going to talk, but he became frightened and ran for home and mother.
- March 1—March comes in like a lamb.
- March 2—We defeat Davenport at the Y. Senior class president kidnapped!
- March 3—Senior class has a party *with* their class president!!! First dance ever held in R. I. H. S.
- March 5—Everyone is giving Howard's shiner the once over.
- March 12—Lester Turner's class ring is missing! A lady's green ring has taken its place.

## WATCH TOWER

- March 16—Tri-City Debate. Three one-act plays close "Better Speech Week."
- March 17—Junior Class Party.
- March 19—Lester's ring is still missing! No traces of it have been found. Everyone forgot that it was the traditional Soft Shirt Day!
- March 20—Big celebration. Art gets his hair cut.
- March 22—A clue to Lester's ring has been discovered!
- March 23—Watch Towers and report cards again.
- March 26—The trail grows warmer!
- March 30—"Go to school week."
- March 28—Patriotic parade.
- March 29—Mary Clarke is wearing a blue sweater with a yellow "G" on it. Of course, we can't imagine where it's from.
- April 1—Of course we know you didn't get fooled. Oh, well, so did we.
- April 6—State of War declared with Germany.
- April 13—General assembly! Don't you wish you could figure like that little Jap boy?
- April 20—Senior class play. Here we find mere words inadequate.
- April 27—Freshman class party. A real live affair.
- April 28—Progressive Mixer. Harry and Naoma are in attendance. Oh, Harry! Oh, Harry!!! How—!
- May 1—Una's got the measles. How romantic!
- May 2—Poor Dick feels so bad, 'cause Judy's gone away.
- May 4—Class in First Aid organized.
- May 8—Did you notice the bored and indifferent air Judy carried around school to-day? She's been to Chicago. My Child!
- May 8—Demps receives a discolored optic.
- May 9—Knitting Club for girls under sixteen inaugurated.
- May 10—Economics classes go on a hike.
- May 16—Field Day. Glorious weather!
- May 21—Georgie and Kirk put on some vaudeville at 21st street entrance. Lester and Edith are among the spectators.
- May 25—Senior Day. Cap and gown and a dignified look!
- May 25—Honor Dance.
- May 27—Baccalaureate Sermon at Trinity Church.
- May 28—Junior Excursion!
- May 30—Memorial Day.
- May 31—Class Day and excellent Program.
- June 1—Diplomas.
- June 2—Alumni Dance and — Farewell.

## Better Speech Week

**C**UT it out," "Aw g'wan" and other similar expressions are no longer heard around Rock Island High School. Indeed not! The effect of Better Speech Week is noticable in every part of school life. On Monday morning, March 12th, we were each presented with a tag, on one side of which was the slogan of the week, "Watch Your Speech," and on the other side the slogan for the day, "Speak Good English."

On Monday, at 3:15 p. m., a story telling contest for Freshmen girls was held in Room 13. Margaret Esther McLane won first place, Dorothy Warren won second and Aileen Trent third.

Tuesday, at 3:15 p. m., an extemporaneous speaking contest for Freshman boys was held. Linville Cox was awarded first honors, Boyer Fisher second and John Eberhardt third. On Tuesday, at 11:15 a. m., Mr. I. J. Green of the Rock Island Savings Bank gave an interesting address to the commercial students on, "Good English as a business asset."

A General Assembly was held on Wednesday, at 1:30. Dr. Bartholomew of Augustana College gave us a very educational and interesting address on "The Value of Better Speech."

Thursday, at 3:00 p. m., Dr. W. E. Simonds of Knox College addressed us in General Assembly on "Some Great Masters of English Speech."

A tea in honor of the speakers of the week was given in the Manual Arts building at 4:30 p. m. on Thursday. The invitation was extended to all Juniors and Seniors.

Friday, at 1:30 p. m., the Annual Tri-City Debate was held, Davenport and Rock Island meeting here.

Miss Iva C. Pearce of Augustana College gave talks daily to the sections of the English department.

Three one-act plays, "Modesty," "A Maker of Dreams," and "The Workhouse Ward," were presented at 8:00 Friday evening in the assembly. To say that this was a fitting close to such an eventful week is putting it mildly indeed. The roles were ably taken by Iona Carlson, Eugene Brown, Harold Heimbeck, Dulce Seeley, Richard Dopp, Chester Carlson, Boyer Fisher, Louise McLean, and Richard Loge.

Now that you have seen our program, and who our speakers were, do you doubt that we have taken their instructions to heart and are profiting by them? If you do, just appear at high school and see for yourself.

## HONOR STUDENTS

The following were awarded pins by the Associated Students, in recognition of their literary work for the year 1916—17.

*Declamation*—Elva Hill, Florence McConochie, Florence Livingston, Marie Williams, Helen Moore, Anna Marie Van Duzer, Lester Turner, Arthur Dodson, John Gustafson, Emil Goldman, Ruben Peterson, Roy Johnson.

*Debating*—Roy Johnson, Lester Turner, Emil Goldman, Harry Stuhr, Frazier Vance, Ben Sperbeck.

*Extemporaneous*—George B. Adams.

*Stenographic*—Mabel Saum.

*Watch Tower*—Harry B. Lyford, Elizabeth Swisher, Lewis B. Wilson.

## The Progressive Mixer

**T**HE PROGRESSIVE MIXER! Confess you never heard of one before. It's absolutely the newest thing in high school entertainments—twelve cylinder 1918 model.

The First Annual Progressive Mixer was held in the high school April 28th—the rainiest night of the rainy season, and the halls were packed! The affair was in charge of the various literary societies, and they did all in their power to make it the success which it certainly was. Rueben Peterson and Francis Dunn managed the affair most efficiently.

The candy table in the Senior Hall—Nuff sed!

The Hall of Freaks certainly was freaky with its wild men, bearded lady, and red-headed coon. But the manager was freakiest of all!

The Art Gallery conducted by Roy Johnson had some masterpieces of world art on exhibition. Quite a collection, Roy!

"Wanted, a Wife" was a pleasing pantomime with George and the girls.

A Trip to Mars was a sure enough moving picture show.

Modesty was a one act play given in the assembly. Wasn't Heinie masterful? And Gussie forgot his hat!

Who would have recognized the Fortune Teller's booth as the old, bare Watch Tower office? Beware of a dark-haired woman!

The fish pond added its usual attraction, mainly feather dusters and bead bracelets.

Wasn't the Submarine Walk perfectly dreadful? How the girls screamed when they saw that skeleton!

At ten o'clock all the side shows closed up, and every one went to the assembly to see the girls' Minstrel Show.

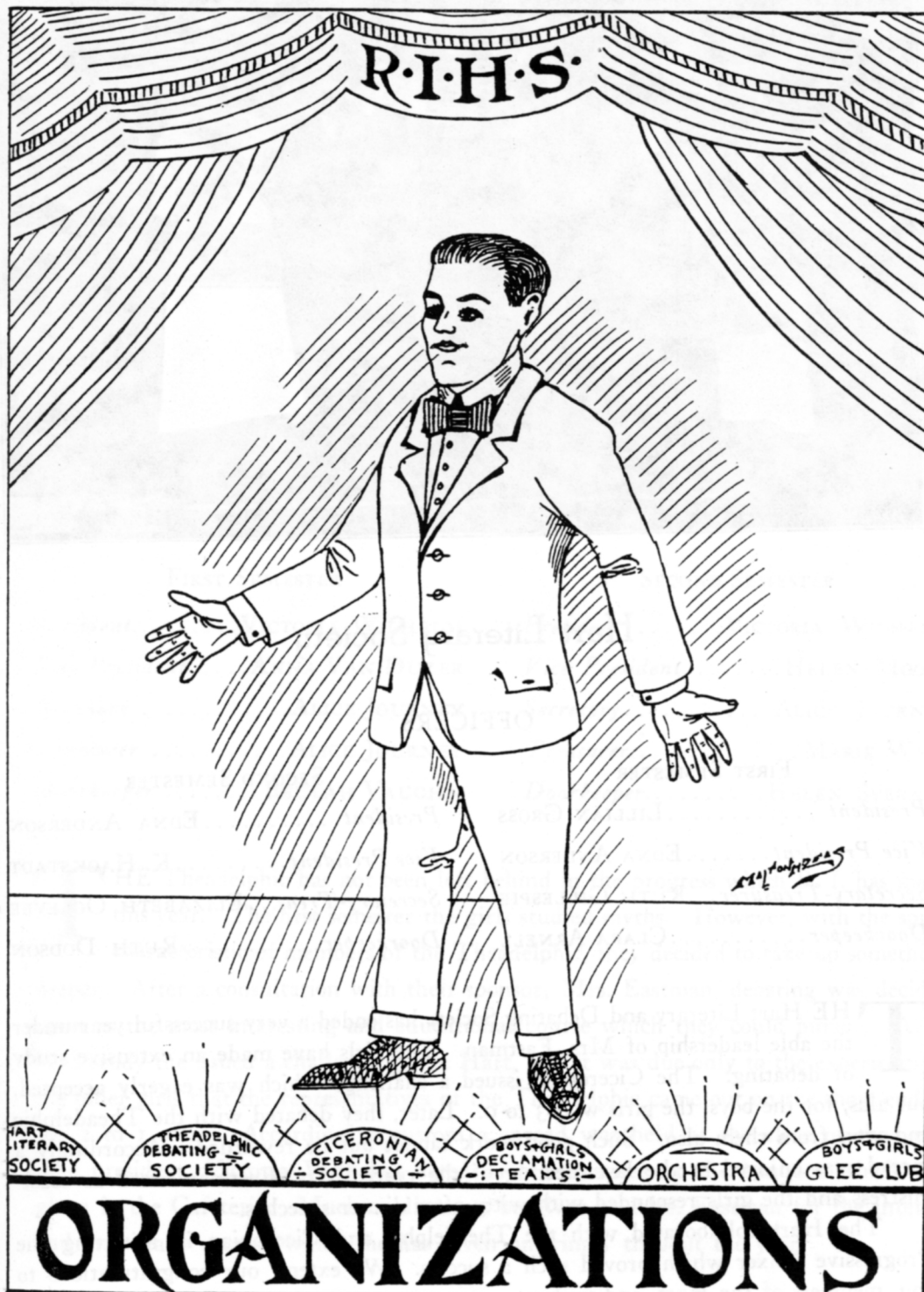
The show was a chorus of lovely dusky beauties (and could you pick her out?) with Myrtle Jens and Robley Clark as end men and Miss Thompson as interlocutor. The affair was managed by Miss Thompson, and she had trained the girls thoroly, as the excellent result proved. It was decidedly the show of the evening, with its jokes, popular songs, and parodies, not to mention the cake-walk. The audience showed its appreciation with continued applause. It was the rarest of entertainments.

## Red Cross Work

**H**OW'D it start? Well, you see, so many of the boys were going to the military training camps and doing their share in this great war, that we girls thought we'd get busy and prepare, too. So a First-Aid Class was organized, Dr. Mable Otis of Moline having charge of the Senior class and Dr. Petrie of this city taking the Junior division. We meet twice a week, Wednesday and Friday, after school. The work is indeed interesting. The other day we studied bandages, and we practiced on each other. Of course we were very clumsy at first, but—"practice makes perfect"—and we're getting there. At the end of the course we are going to take an examination, and if we pass (of course we are going to), we will get certificates saying that we are qualified to do First-Aid work. We are trying earnestly to do our "bit," how about the rest of you?

ONE OF THE GIRLS.







## Hart Literary Society

### OFFICERS

#### FIRST SEMESTER

*President* ..... LILLIAN GROSS  
*Vice President* ..... EDNA ANDERSON  
*Secretary-Treasurer* ... RUTH GILLESPIE  
*Doorkeeper* ..... CLARA ARNELL

#### SECOND SEMESTER

*President* ..... EDNA ANDERSON  
*Vice President* ..... K. HACKSTADT  
*Secretary-Treas.* ... ELIZABETH OGLEVEE  
*Doorkeeper* ..... RUTH DODSON

THE Hart Literary and Debating Society has ended a very successful year under the able leadership of Mrs. Eastman. The girls have made an extensive study of debating. The Ciceronian issued a challenge which was eagerly accepted, but alas, for the boys, the girls won 3 to 0. Later, they debated with the Theadelphic and won from them also. Such good work cannot but be rewarded. Accordingly a spread was enjoyed at the last meeting of the year. Mrs. Eastman acted as toast-mistress and the girls responded with witty after dinner speeches.

The Hart collaborated with the Theadelphic and Ciceronian in initiating the Progressive Mixer which proved such a success. We extend our congratulations to you, members of the Hart, and wish you success next year.



## Theadelpic Debating Society

### OFFICERS

#### FIRST SEMESTER

*President*.....VICTORIA WILHELM  
*Vice President*.....ANNA VAN DUZER  
*Secretary* .....ALICE JOURNEY  
*Treasurer* .....ALICE JOURNEY  
*Doorkeeper* .....BEULAH VAUGHN

#### SECOND SEMESTER

*President*.....VICTORIA WILHELM  
*Vice President*.....HELEN MOORE  
*Secretary*.....ALICE JOURNEY  
*Treasurer*.....MARIE WERT  
*Doorkeeper*.....HELEN SYBRANT

THE Theadelpic has not been left behind in the progress which R. I. has made this year. The first semester the girls studied myths. However, with the spirit characteristic of members of the Theadelpic, they decided to take up something deeper. After a consultation with their sponsor, Mrs. Eastman, debating was decided upon as the most interesting and educational course which they could pursue. After hard study the issued a challenge to the Hart, and it was due only to the experience of the older girls that the representatives of the Theadelpic came out on the short end of the 2 to 1 score. According to custom a spread was held at the close of the year. The president, Victoria Wilhelm, acted as toastmistress at the banquet which was given in the Cafeteria. Much credit must be given to Mrs. Eastman for the interest and ever-ready counsel which she has given untiringly thruout the year.



## Ciceronian

### OFFICERS

#### FIRST SEMESTER

*President* ..... RUBEN PETERSON  
*Vice President* ..... EMIL GOLDMAN  
*Secretary* ..... FRAZIER VANCE  
*Treasurer* ..... HOWARD ANDERSEN

#### SECOND SEMESTER

*President* ..... ROY JOHNSON  
*Vice President* ..... BEN SPERBECK  
*Secretary* ..... EMIL GOLDMAN  
*Treasurer* ..... HOWARD ANDERSEN

THE Ciceronian has just passed thru a year full of accomplishments and progress. Many original methods of entertainment were projected which hitherto had never been dreamed of.

There was, for example, the Kangaroo Court. Before this august body the most desperate criminals of the world were tried and given their just deserts.

At another time the Ciceronian was forced by the seriousness of the situation to turn its meeting into a (mock) session of congress by which the fate of a nation was decided.

Mention must also be made of the extemporaneous contest and the whirlwind membership contest with its attendant banquet.

Besides the efforts of the officers of the organization, Mr. L. E. Jones has helped keep things going, and without his untiring support and leadership the club could have, by no means, reached the successful level that it has attained.



AFFIRMATIVE DEBATING TEAM



Roy Johnson

Lester Turner

Emil Goldman

## The Debating Teams

THIS year Rock Island was very fortunate in obtaining Mr. L. E. Jones of Augustana College to coach the debating teams. According to the established rule the annual triangular debates among the schools of the tri-cities were held March 16.

The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the United States should establish and maintain a protectorate relation with the Philippine Islands."

The affirmative team, which was composed of Roy Johnson (captain), Lester Turner and Emil Goldman, met the Davenport team at Rock Island in the afternoon. Rock Island was defeated 3 to 0.

In the evening the negative team, consisting of Harry Stuhr (captain), Benjamin Sperbeck and Frazier Vance, debated against Moline at Moline. Luck was not so hard this time, as we lost 2 to 1.

The boys worked hard and it was thru no fault of theirs or Mr. Jones that Rock Island lost. Experience is a large factor in producing a winning team, and, inasmuch as few lower classmen show any interest in debating, Rock Island lacks experienced teams. Freshmen and Sophomores are urged to try out next year and gain experience in this interesting activity. Even if one does not make the team the first year, the experience is of the greatest value and a foundation is laid on which a successful team may be built the year following.

NEGATIVE DEBATING TEAM



Frazier Vance

Harry Stuhr

Ben Sperbeck

## WATCH TOWER



Anna Marie Van Duzer

Florence McConochie

Florence Livingston

### The Girls' Declamation Teams

**T**RI-CITY Declamation Champions! That is the distinction acquired by our girls' teams this year. And it is a title to be proud of, inasmuch as it is Rock Island's first championship since the inauguration of the Tri-City contests.

On Wednesday, February 7th, a team composed of Elva Hill, Helen Moore and Marie Williams met and defeated the strong Moline team. The other team, Florence McConochie, Florence Livingston and Anna Marie Van Duzer, met the Davenport team at Davenport and defeated them also. Thus Rock Island won first place, Moline coming second, and Davenport third.

In the preliminary contest Anna Marie Van Duzer was chosen to represent Rock Island in the Big Eight held in Moline, February 16th. Our contestant received fourth place, rendering "The Littlest Rebel" in a most creditable manner.

The girls turned out unusually well this year, and judging from the material now on hand, Rock Island is a sure winner next year.



Elva Hill

Marie Williams

Helen Moore



Roy Johnson

Lester Turner

Emil Goldman

## The Boys' Declamation Teams

AS is the custom, a Tri-City Boys' Declamation Contest was held this year, November 22. Rock Island met Moline here and Davenport in that city at assembly period. After school Moline and Davenport met at Moline. Our team, composed of John Gustafson, Arthur Dodson and Ruben Peterson, met the Moline team in our assembly. The decision of the judges was in favor of Moline. At the same time our other team, Lester Turner, Roy Johnson and Emil Goldman, met Davenport at Davenport. There again Rock Island was defeated. Davenport became Tri-City Champions, Moline coming second and Rock Island third.

A goodly number of boys turned out for the contest, and it was not on account of a lack of material that Rock Island lost.

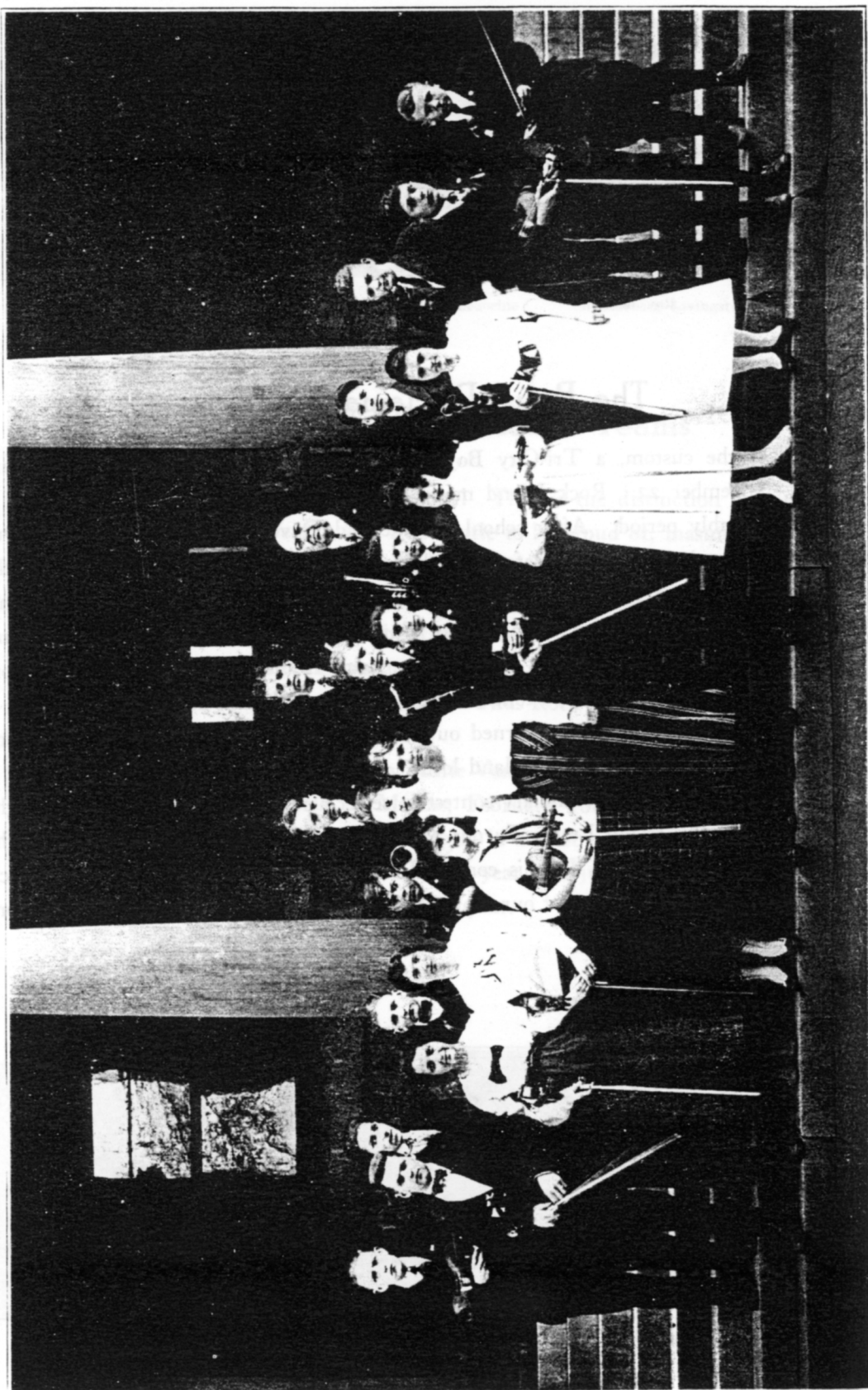
December 1st, the preliminary contest to select a representative for the Big Eight was held. In this tryout Lester Turner was successful. December 8th the Big Eight was held at Monmouth. In this contest Davenport was given first honors. Rock Island did not place, in spite of our representative's powerful rendition of his selection, "The Last Love Feast."



Ruben Peterson

Arthur Dodson

John Gustafson



THE ORCHESTRA



## The Orchestra

EVERY Monday afternoon after eighth period, a strange medley of discordant sounds is heard issuing from the Assembly. That, dear readers, is our orchestra in the process of tuning up. Pause for a moment in your haste and listen. All is silent—and then—then the air is filled with the melodious strains of a Hungarian Dance. We challenge anyone to find a better organized, more enthusiastic, and more harmonious orchestra in any high school of equal size in Illinois. Undoubtedly the orchestra is the hardest working and liveliest organization in R. I. H. S. Under Mr. Burton's leadership they have attained a degree of efficiency which enables them to render classical pieces and rattle off ragtime like professionals.

The orchestra has played for everything this year—in assembly, at mass meetings, at the Better Speech Week Plays, and at the Senior Play. They also figured in the musical concert and won rounds of merited applause. May the orchestra continue to prosper in the years to come!

### MEMBERS

Mr. A. J. Burton, *Director and Clarinet*

#### *First Violin:*

Mary Kelson	Arthur Lindros	Lowell Kay	Anna Marie Van Duzer
Gladys Hanson	Culver Masters	Guenter Bickel	Frazier Vance
Gladys Willson	Emil Goldman	Canton Carnes	

#### *Second Violin:*

Eugene Burton	Boyer Fisher	Elmer Scherrer	Blanche Sosna
Max Morris	Bela Metcalf	Frieda Nuessli	

#### *Flute:*

Oliver Peterson	Wilfred Eiteman
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#### *Cornet:*

Irvin Andersen	Roswell Lamp
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#### *Clarinet:*

Cornelia Darling

#### *Horn:*

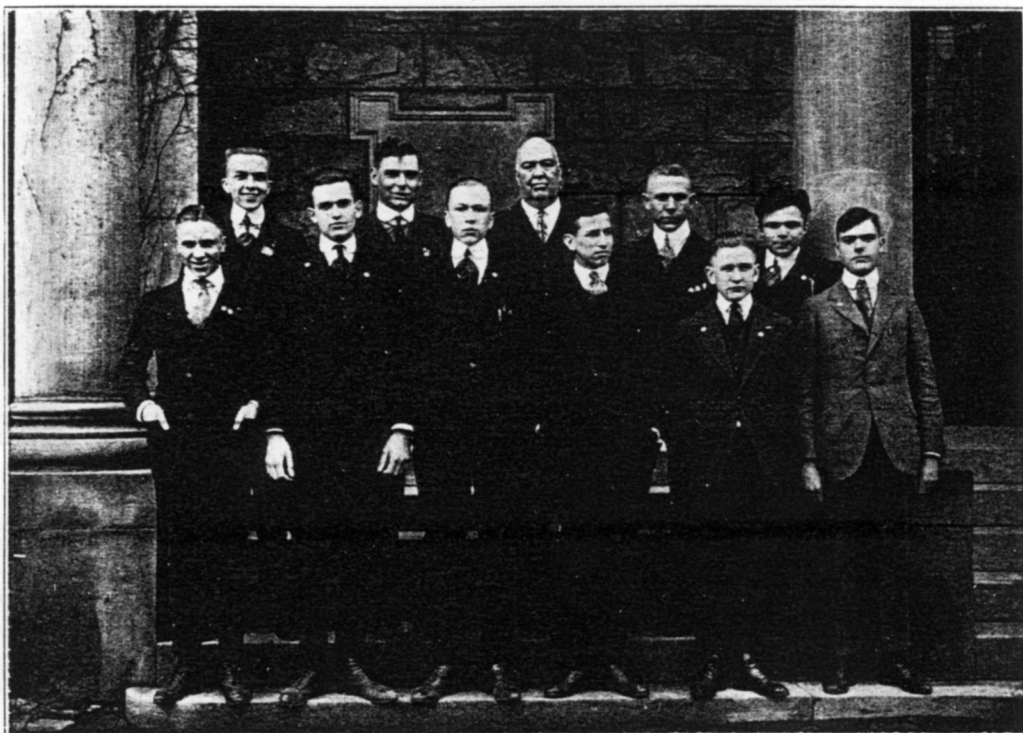
Mr. E. L. Philbrook

#### *Trombone*

Mr. J. W. Casto

#### *Piano:*

Marie Carlson



## Boys' Glee Club

ACCORDING to custom the Boys' Glee Club was organized at the opening of the fall term. Little interest was manifest, but the few who showed up for the Friday first period practices worked diligently under Mr. Philbrook's able direction and perfected several numbers which were well received at the concert of the musical organizations in the Auditorium, February 21st.

If you are musically inclined, or desire to be of service to your school, and at the same time have a great deal of wholesome pleasure, enroll in the Glee Club when it is organized next fall. Some of the best times a fellow can have in high school is in little old room 13, grinding out Glee Club songs of good fellowship to the beat of Mr. Philbrook's hickory. The atmosphere is one of rhythm, enthusiasm, and good feeling. If you don't believe it, try it.

### MEMBERS

Mr. E. L. Philbrook, *Director*

*First Tenor:*

Arthur Dodson  
Harry B. Lyford  
Vernie Hendren  
Lester Turner  
Richard Ullemeyer

*Second Tenor:*

John Gustafson  
Arthur Bruner  
Harold Heimbeck  
Will Schoffer  
Philip Wagner  
Will Purcell

*Baritone:*

Frazier Vance  
George Adams  
Howard Andersen  
Eugene Brown  
Irvin Olson  
Ben Sperbeck

*Bass:*

Burtis Wilson  
Dwight La Grange  
Clifford Myers  
Marvin McNeill



## The Girls' Glee Club

**A**LTHOUGH the Girls' Glee Club is a young organization, it is already recognized as one of the leaders in R. I. H. S. The Club organized last year with a membership of about twenty. This year the roll was increased until it contained over thirty names. Practices are held every Wednesday afternoon, and who can say that the harmonious strains which sift thru the cracks in the door of Room 13 are not a relief from the less organized jumble of voices in the chorus classes?

The Glee Club participated in the concert of the musical organizations, and the Minstrel Show, which was such a decided hit at the Progressive Mixer, was composed largely of Glee Club girls. This club is a live up-to-the-minute organization and in the years to come will no doubt put on many more excellent entertainments. Here's hoping!

### MEMBERS

Blanche Reid	Dora Daly	Edna Dierolf	Annette Petersen
Lillian Gross	Clara Arnell	Myrtle Wessell	Louise Schukraft
Ida Gross	Dorothy Algie	Ada Young	Mary Cohn
Ruth Dodson	Marjorie Walker	LeVerne Wood	Louise McLean
Elizabeth Oglevee	Marie Bruner	Bessie Elwell	Marie Carlson
Mable Swanson	Gladys Willson	Marie Williams	Adah Bauersfeld
Minnie Swanson	Jaunita Funkenstein	Robley Clark	Agnes Johnson
Lillian Eihl	Elsa Franck	Mildred Moffitt	Gertrude Patting
Myrtle Jens	Stella Reid	Bessie Hermann	Rose Pewe
Evelyn Hudson	Margaret Kerr	Maud Shaw	Fredericka Johnson

## ARGUS-DISPATCH CONTEST

ON October 26th occurred the third annual Argus-Dispatch Contest, when R. I. H. S. went into competition with Moline High in editing the above named newspapers. It was decided that this year would end the contest and the winner could retain the silver loving cup as a permanent trophy. Through victory of 1915 the cup was in the possession of Rock Island, and we were indeed loath to part with it, when the three editors who acted as judges, after a thorough perusal of both papers, returned a verdict of two to one in favor of Moline.

Inasmuch as this is a most practical event, it is planned that both schools will continue to edit the papers for one day each year, but with the competition eliminated. Those who have the good fortune to win a place on the staff are acquainted with the inside workings of a modern newspaper office, and the experience gained is of the greatest value.

The day of the contest is a continual rush for the young reporters. News, live news, and lots of it is in general demand, and many is the mile that is traveled in quest of the valued article. Any of the following people can tell you they had "the time of their lives" on that memorable day, for they were on the editorial staff and know what an exciting event the contest is: Charlotte Huesing, '18; Elizabeth Swisher, '17; Robley Clark, '18; Ida Gross, '18; Gail Huntoon, '19; Frazier Vance, '17; Harry B. Lyford, '17; Lewis Wilson, '17; Harry Stuhr, '17; George Adams, '18; Irving Olson, '18; Howard Holcomb, '19; Will Nichols, '18; Howard Andersen, '18; Roy Johnson, '18.

## LATIN CLUB

### OFFICERS

<i>Praeses</i> .....	FRAZIER VANCE
<i>Alter Praeses</i> .....	ETTA WINTER
<i>Scriba Quaestor</i> .....	IDA GROSS
<i>Magistratus</i> .....	CLIFFORD JOHNSON

THIS year has seen many advancements in the Rock Island High School. One of the most notable is the forming of a Latin Club. The meetings are held on the third Friday of every month. The elections and business are carried on in the manner of the old Romans. The object of the club is to create a greater interest in Latin and to revive the "dead" language, so to speak. A program, consisting of music, Latin stories, and vocal solos, is given, after which a social time is spent in Latin conversation. In this way the classical period of literature is brought nearer to the students. Mrs. Eastman, Miss First and Miss Summers have charge of the activities of this organization, and have assisted in preparing the programs. Great things are to be expected from the Latin Club in the future.

## GERMAN CLUB

Among other new institutions in R. I. H. S. is the German Club. Over fifty members joined, and at their first meeting elected the following officers:

<i>President</i> .....	JOHN DICE
<i>Vice President</i> .....	ELSA FRANK
<i>Secretary</i> .....	GEORGE ULLEMEYER
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	JUANITA FUNKENSTEIN



# ATHLETIC

BASKET  
BALL

TRACK  
TEAM





## FOOTBALL

*Coach*—Carl Anderson

*Manager*—A. G. Hill

"R. I." Men—Dempsey (captain),  
Heimbeck, Morris, Mercer, Ellinwood,  
Fotch, Hendren, Kuehl, R. Anderson,  
P. Anderson, Durling, McCarthy, Littig,  
Franning, Taber, Wilson, Martin, Taylor.  
"R" Men—Peck, Dodson, H. Holcombe.

## SCORES

Rock Island.....14—	Alumni .....	28
Rock Island..... 0—	Galesburg .....	18*
Rock Island.....42—	Geneseo .....	7*
Rock Island..... 0—	Sioux City .....	13*
Rock Island..... 7—	Moline .....	26
Rock Island.....26—	Ottawa .....	0*
Rock Island..... 6—	Davenport .....	7*
Rock Island.....26—	Princeton .....	7*
Rock Island.....13—	Clinton .....	7*

Total, R. I. 134

Opponents 113

\* Out of town game.

## Football



FROM the looks of the bunch that was out at the September practices, Rock Island fans were expecting the team to clean up everything in sight. But after the ineligibility of one or two was declared, these hopes were somewhat lessened, and by the time the Alumni got thru drubbing the school men things looked rather gloomy. However, it must be remembered that the Alumni had the strongest team in years, practically every man being a professional. Then Galesburg handled the fellows a defeat, but the following week real form was developed, and Geneseo bowed before the Islanders. To the Squad, the treat of the season was the long trip to Sioux City where they did creditable work, on a sea of mud, by holding the Iowans to 13 points. The picture to the left shows the boys as they emerged from the fray, mud from head to foot. The hardest blow of the season was the defeat at the hands of Moline in the last few minutes of play. Fans still thought there was a good chance to whip Davenport, but this gleam of hope was rolled in the dust by the referee, and a one point defeat was Rock Island's fate. Toward the close of the season, luck seemed to change and three brilliant victories were recorded, the most notable being over Clinton for the first time since 1910.

Eight interscholastic games were played during the season, and when one considers that Rock Island broke even by winning four, the year was not so much a failure as hasty glance at the record would seem to indicate. Coach Anderson worked with the boys as he never worked before and on the whole had a very responsive bunch to deal with. The school was right back of them all the time, and the much talked of "old time pep" was displayed thruout the season.

With a large number of "R. I." and "R" men coming back next fall and with the many husky fellows in the lower classes, the 1917 team has every prospect of being a winning aggregation.





## BASKETBALL

*Coach*—Carl Anderscn

*Manager*—A. G. Hill

"P. I." Men—Heimbeck (captain), Taber (captain-elect), Morris, Dempsev, Wilson, Siemon, Fotch, Brown.

"R" Men—Parker, Bassett.

### SCORES

Rock Island.....	38—Alumni .....	33
Rock Island.....	89—East Moline .....	22*
Rock Island.....	27—Davenport .....	22*
Rock Island.....	23—Kewanee .....	17*
Rock Island.....	19—Abingdon .....	10*
Rock Island.....	48—Cambridge .....	17
Rock Island.....	52—Kewanee .....	17
Rock Island.....	27—Geneseo .....	23
Rock Island.....	36—Moline .....	16
Rock Island.....	39—Clinton .....	28*
Rock Island.....	75—East Moline.....	16
Rock Island.....	51—Abingdon .....	16

### DISTRICT TOURNAMENT\*

Rock Island.....	29—Kewanee .....	24
Rock Island.....	24—Galesburg .....	17
Rock Island.....	22—Macomb .....	12
Rock Island.....	26—Moline .....	15

Rock Island.....	33—Davenport .....	20
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### STATE TOURNAMENT\*

Rock Island.....	23—Springfield .....	34
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Rock Island.....	25—Moline .....	28*
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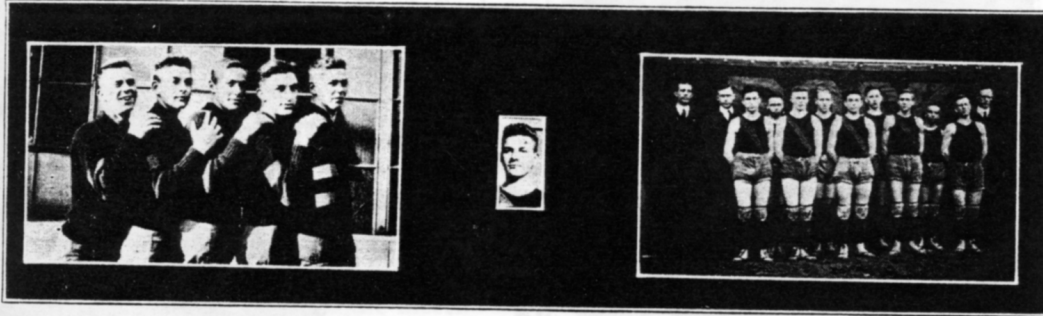
Total, R. I. 706

Opponents 387

\* Out of town game.



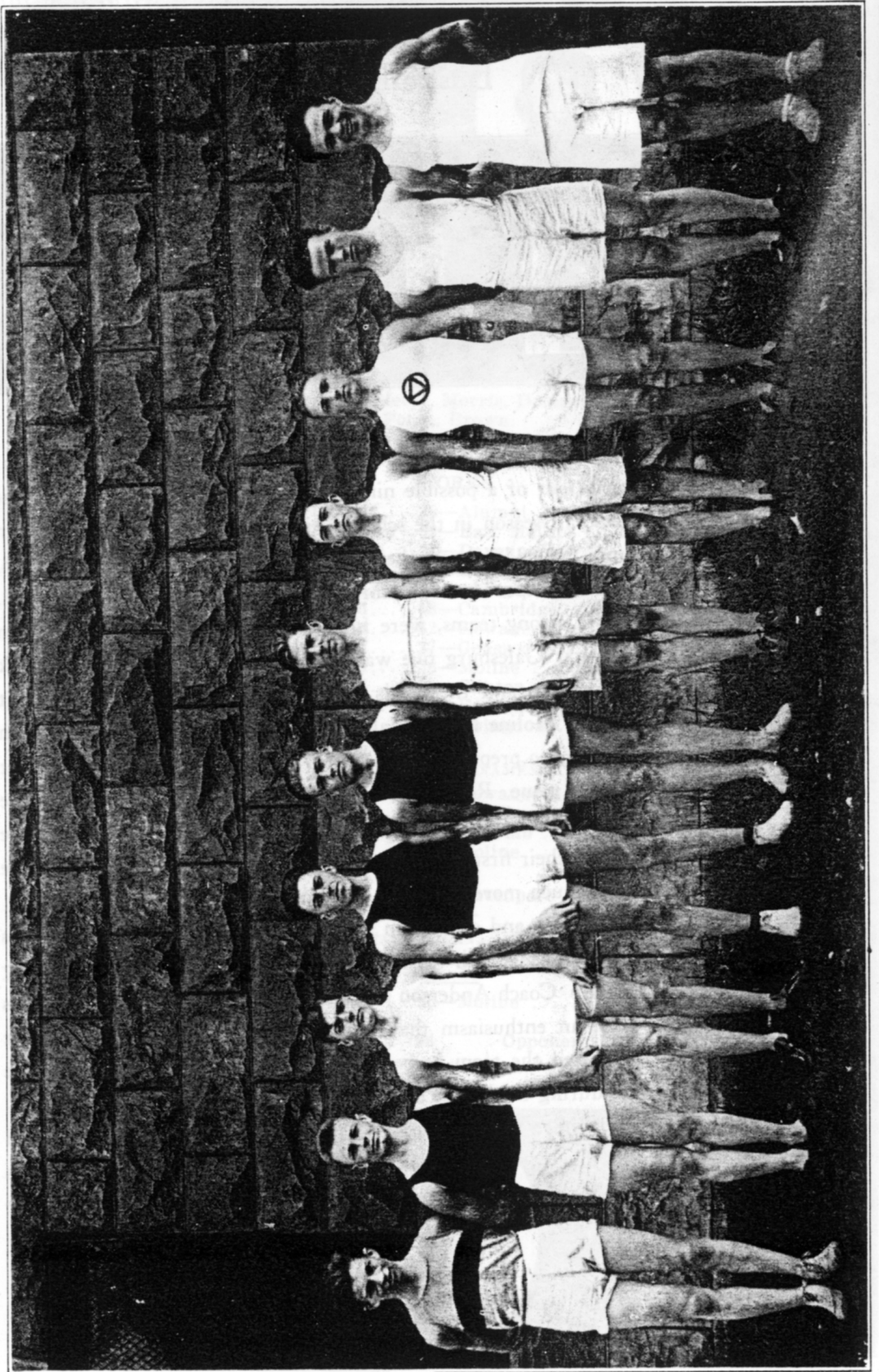
## Basketball



**N**ORTHWESTERN Illinois District Champions! Tri-City Champions! Seventeen victories out of a possible nineteen! Thus the record of the most remarkable basketball season in the school's history is told. The team began by drubbing a fast Alumni five and kept up their string of victories all thru the season. For the first time in years Davenport bowed before an athletic team from Rock Island. Kewanee and Clinton, both strong teams, were forced to acknowledge defeat. Then in the tournament the all-star Galesburg five was forced out of the running by Rock Island's wonderful combination, and the locals were left to cop the shield without decided opposition. Meeting Moline in the final game, they made short work of them and hurried home amid cheers to prepare for the State Tournament. When they met Springfield in their opening game, Rock Island played under a handicap and were defeated for the first time, by the team which eventually won state honors. Had the locals met any other team in their first game in the strange Millikin gym, fans believe the result would have been much more favorable to Coach Anderson's machine.

Of equal height and weight and clothed in brilliant new uniforms, Rock Island's 1917 team is one long to be remembered. A better looking bunch and a better playing bunch would be hard to find. Coach Anderson prescribed stiff training, and the fellows practiced and played with an enthusiasm that cannot help but bring victory. The student body loyally supported the team and showed their loyalty by purchasing the large Rock Island banner during the course of the season.

A full team of "R. I." men will return to school next fall, and with such good fortune it is to be hoped that the next bunch will equal the feats of the past year's wonderful team and continue to make Rock Island a school to be reckoned with in the athletic world.



## Track

*Coach*—Carl Anderson. *Manager*—A. G. Hill. *Captain*—Lewis Saulpaugh.  
*"R. I." men*—Howard Andersen, Arthur Bruner, Orville Ellinwood, Earl Bassett.  
*"R" men*—Harry Giles, Lewis Saulpaugh, Wilfred Ellinwood, Marvin McNeill.

ON account of the war, and for other minor reasons, the Big Eight track meet was called off for this year. Two Tri-City events were held, however, Rock Island triumphing over Moline in the indoor meet, but dropping to cellar position in the outdoor meet. Considering the lack of interest in track and the leaving of one of the members to follow agricultural pursuits to aid his country, Rock Island has done fairly well. There were few men out from which to pick a team, and several were declared ineligible at the last moment. The fans seemed to have lost their "pep," and refused to turn out at the meets.

### INTERCLASS MEET

Even the interclass track meet, which was held in the Augustana Gym, failed to draw more than a minor interest. The Seniors starred from the first event and made point after point. They had at least one or two men entered in each event and were out to win. The Juniors, who took second, made a strong fight for the initial place. The Freshmen had some good track men in their team and managed to cop third place, but they had no chance against the long-legged Juniors and Seniors. The Sophs had to be contented with the tail end, with zero points. The Sophs don't seem to have found their spirit yet and had men entered in only one or two events. Our advice to the Sophs is to wake up quick or they will be left in the lurch.

### TRI-CITY INDOOR TRACK MEET

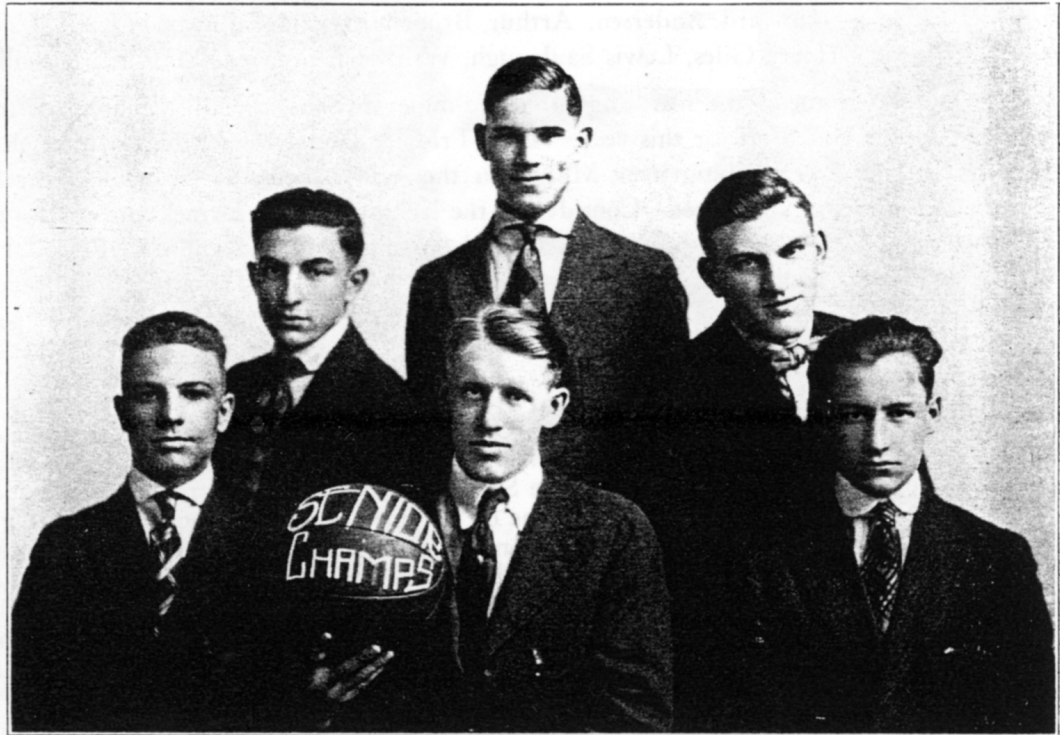
Since the Big Eight had been called off, it was decided to hold two Tri-City meets. The first was an indoor meet held at the Augustana Gym. The runners were handicapped, as it is difficult to run on an indoor track if one is not used to it. Rock Island had some hopes of winning this meet, but her hopes were crushed by Davenport, who took first. Rock Island had to content themselves with second place. One consolation is that Moline was beaten by us. Bruner, Ellinwood, Andersen, and Bassett were the point winners for Rock Island. Bruner, as a surprise, took first in the 100 yard dash.

### TRI CITY OUTDOOR MEET

The second meet was much postponed, due to bad weather, but was finally staged the 18th of May. Rock Island had a streak of bad luck since Bruner left to go on a farm. Bassett, Dempsey, and Mike Ellinwood were ineligible for various reasons. This left a team that could not account for enough points to win. But they did their best in the few events in which they were entered and managed to grab 11 points out of the scramble. "Hoot" Ellinwood took second in the pole vault and third in the broad jump, but would probably have done better, had he had more practice. He was also on the half-mile relay team, which won second place. Lewis Saulpaugh took third in the discus throw. The half-mile relay team was composed of "Hoot" Ellinwood, Saulpaugh, Giles, and H. Andersen.

Davenport, who had some old and experienced track men, took first with 80½ points. Moline, by winning seconds and thirds in events that Rock Island was not entered in, took second place with 41½ points. If there is not more interest shown in track, it possibly will be dropped from our athletic program; so if you do not want to lose your track team, come out next year, or at least be at the meets and boost.

## Class Basketball Teams



Myer Morris  
Lewis Wilson

George Baird  
Herbert Fotch (captain)

Claude Mercer  
Thomas Duffy

### SENIORS

FROM the above photograph, one unfamiliar with the circumstances would naturally believe the Seniors were school basketball champions. In reality the tournament ended in a tie between the two upper classes, and the coveted title which appears on the ball in the picture was not awarded to anyone.

Captain Fotch proved a tower of strength at center and did a great deal of the heavy work. Morris, all-star varsity forward, played with his customary ability and worked the forward position together with Lewis Wilson. Mercer and Bassett did stellar guard work, while Baird and Duffy were ready at all times to assume a responsible place in the lineup.

In their first game the Seniors won an easy victory from the Sophomores. Then they met the Freshmen, and the way the youngsters played kept the older men on the jump from start to finish. According to dope and to all expectations the Seniors were sure champs. But on the next fatal afternoon things went different, and the Juniors ended the game just one point ahead. Even at that, honors were equally divided, and that's the Seniors' one consolation.





Roy Siemon

Eugene Brown  
Orville Ellinwood

Ed Taber (captain)

Frank Stapp  
Harry Kale

Harold Heimbeck

## JUNIORS

THE Juniors were more conservative and at the time of the photograph failed to inscribe "Champs" on the ball. They really had as much right to as their friends the Seniors. With Heimbeck and Taber they presented a formidable lineup and managed to make their way until they bucked up with the Sophs. Here they met a real obstacle and yielded by a margin of 4 points.

After such a defeat the Seniors were expected to run away with them, but it only served to make the Juniors more determined and at the same time to make the last year men somewhat overconfident. And thus by a one point margin the '16-'17 tournament was tied and no opportunity for settling scores ever presented itself.

Siemon at center displayed basketball skill that led to his winning a place on the varsity squad. Brown at guard was busily engaged all over the floor and his "stick-tuitveness" won a varsity squad place for him also. "Hoot" Ellinwood was a big cog in the Junior machine, and able reserves were found in the persons of Kale and Stapp. Look out, you other classes, for the Senior team of next year!

## WATCH TOWER



William Smith

Oliver Parker

Harold Wilson

Elmer Endter

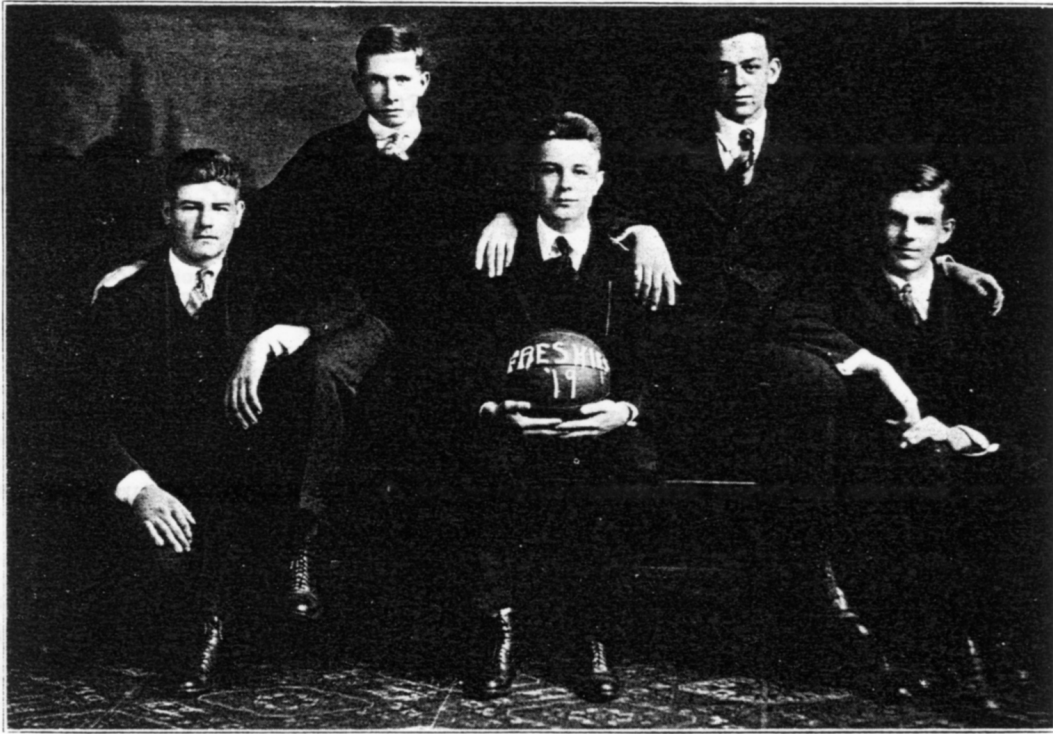
James McMullin

## SOPHOMORES

WITH Durling and Dopp (neither one of whose faces appear in the above picture, we are sorry to say,) the Sophs presented a lineup of no mean calibre.

However, on the first afternoon they were forced to bow before the Seniors, but in the next series made up for it by handing the Juniors a bitter defeat. Again luck changed and the supposedly insignificant first year team on the following afternoon beat them by 3 points.

Harold Wilson proved a valuable forward and together with Dopp rolled in the points. Parker and Endter were reliable guards and McMullin and Smith formed a dependable reserve squad. With this bunch to rely on next year the Class of 1919 ought to make itself known in the tournament.



Ernest Blankenburg   Marshall Hendren   Wilfred Ellinwood   Vernon DeLaney   Harry Giles

## FRESHMEN

(By the Freshman Editor)

THE Freshman class team this year has outclassed almost every other first year team since high school interclass contests began. This year we almost beat the Seniors! Imagine that! Imagine that! We did beat the Sophs! (More cheers.) Mike (speaking of Ellinwood) sure did roll 'em in, and the whole team worked splendidly in helping to bring the Sophs to defeat. Floyd Taylor was a valuable center. Joe Exner showed up his opponent in fine shape. De Laney ate 'em up. Harry Giles and Marshall Hendren proved themselves worthy of praise. Leslie Sundeen will never be thanked enough for his baskets. George White also played a good game. That makes a perfect team for the Class of 1920! Watch us shine again!

## WATCH TOWER

# The Athletic Association

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THE Athletic Board of Control is composed of three faculty members, appointed by Mr. Burton, and three student members, elected by the Athletic Association. It is the duty of this Board to superintend all athletics and award all emblems. The award of honor is an "R. I.", and the "R" is given to reserves. The following received emblems in football and basketball:

#### FOOTBALL

Leland Dempsey, captain	Herbert Fotch	Orrin Littig
Harold Heimbeck	Noble Kuehl	Russell Franing
Myer Morris	Reuben Anderson	Ed Taber
Claude Mercer	Paul Anderson	Lewis Wilson
Orville Ellinwood	Jack Durling	Fred Martin
Vernie Hendren	Vincent McCarthy	Floyd Taylor

#### *"R" Men*

Arthur Dodson	Howard Holcombe	Fred Peck
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#### BASKETBALL

Harold Heimbeck, captain	Leland Dempsey	Roy Siemon
Ed Taber, captain elect	Richard Dopp	Herbert Fotch
Myer Morris	Lewis Wilson	Eugene Brown

#### *"R" Men*

Oliver Parker	Earl Bassett
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#### TRACK

Arthur Bruner	Orville Ellinwood	Howard Anderson	Earl Bassett
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#### *"R" Men*

Lewis Saulpaugh	Harry Giles	Wilfred Ellinwood	Marvin McNeill
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## BIG WALKOUT AT HIGH SCHOOL

### 96 STUDENTS LEAVE STUDIES

Startling Conditions Unearthed. "Never Again," Is Slogan Used.

96 students at Rock Island High School to-day walked out and stoutly declared their intentions of never again returning. The sudden and wholesale departure of so many pupils caused great perplexity among the officials of the institution, and not until the Bulletin reporter got on the job, was the cause of the walkout ascertained. Startling conditions were unearthed by our representative, who reports that the supply of knowledge at the local institution has run out and that, on account of the war, shipment of the valued article has ceased. This, of course, leaves the school in a most serious and embarrassing situation, and the officials are to be severely condemned for not anticipating the shortage and laying in a supply while the market was open.

### GEORGE ADAMS SPEAKS

The Junior class president, George Adams, was the Rock Island representative at the Big Eight Extemporaneous Speaking Contest which was held at Monmouth, May 4th. Altho Georgie failed to place, his talk was of the usual high standard which only he himself knows how to attain.

### BRONZE MEDAL FOR MABLE SAUM

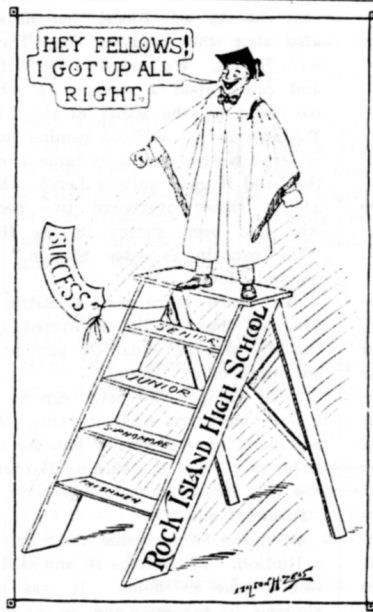
On May 11th Mabel Saum journeyed to Galesburg to participate in the annual Big Eight Stenographic Contest. Fortune smiled on the Rock Island representative, and she emerged from the contest adorned with a bronze medal which signified that third place had been awarded to Rock Island High School. Congratulations!

### THE VOICE OF the PEEPL

Dear Editor:—

After a most diligent and exhaustive perusal of old records and statistics, we have ended our campaign in quest of George Adams' middle name and suggest that it may be "Bunk," inasmuch as that is the line usually handed out by said person.

DILIGENCE COMMITTEE...



### JOHN GUSTAFSON ENRICHES TRI-CITY RAILWAY COMPANY

Company Reaps a Harvest of \$35.50.

Since March, 1915, the Tri-City Railway Company has reaped a steady harvest from John Gustafson, a Senior at the local high school. It seems that the young man pays frequent visits to Forty-third Street and, as he lives on Twentieth Street, it necessitates his taking the car. Frequently the visits amount to three a week and that of course means thirty cents for the company. The total, as nearly as can be figured out, is \$35.50. This young man is now a familiar character to all the motormen and conductors on the Blue line, and it is with pleasure they welcome him on his numerous rides. These friendships that he has formed certainly mean a great deal to him, for quite often a friendly motorman or conductor holds the car while Gustafson runs down the hill. While the company has been so greatly enriched, it is quite evident that the other party concerned has derived as much and no doubt more benefit and pleasure from the association.

### TWO BOYS IN ROLE OF HEROES!

#### Rescue Jack From Ten Dogs

The other morning Jack, a Scotch collie belonging to Dulce Seeley, was walking to school with his mistress and her friend, Julia Marshall. As they approached Seventh Avenue and Twentieth Street, they saw an army of ten large dogs coming down the avenue. Mistaking Jack for a German, the entire army attacked him. The girls stood helplessly by, screaming for help. No help seemed to be coming, and there was Jack in the deadly clutches of the army. Suddenly help appeared in the distance, in the form of two boys: Dick and Heinie. They rushed fearlessly into the thick of the fray and loosed the desperate hold the army had upon him. The dogs becoming frightened, dashed madly down the street, leaving the boys to receive the overwhelming thanks and gratitude of the girls.

### REVISED LIST OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

After much persuasion Harry Stuhr consents to compile a new revised list of the seven wonders of the world. Following is the revised list:

1. Harry W. Stuhr.
2. Harry William Stuhr.
3. H. W. Stuhr.
4. H. Wm. Stuhr.
5. H. William Stuhr.
6. Harry Bill Stuhr.
7. H. Willie Stuhr.

Additional wonder of the twentieth century: Harry Willie Stuhr.

### PERSONALS

A few of the dignified Senior girls declared a pig tail day, May 24th, and really looked quite girlish.

Clif Myers is suffering from an acute attack of spring fever.

## THE BEANVILLE BULLETIN

Published every so often by the gang  
named below.

MAY, 1917

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### EDITORIALS

This subject forced upon us for discussion is both distasteful and unwelcome. Nevertheless we deem it our just duty to put this case before the public in a forceful manner. According to the doctors of this city the sight and hearing of the students of Rock Island high school has decreased 50% in the past year. This seems to be a very large percentage and it is hard to believe, but the physicians present statistics to prove their statement. Of course, the first question that enters our mind is—why? What is the cause of this calamity? We are glad to be fortunate enough to be able to tell you the true and direct cause. It is the ties, shirts and caps that the boys of this high school have been wearing. We are all too familiar with the loudness of these articles and also know the dazzling effect they have upon the vision. We think one can readily see the justification of laying the blame at their door.

Now, citizens of Rock Island, we have laid the facts in this dreadful calamity that has fallen upon our city before you in a clear and concise manner and it is your duty to rise in your just wrath and see that such conditions are eliminated at once.

It seems that the little Turner boy and the little Wagner boy have, during the past month, affected a laugh. Oh, let's not call it a laugh, for it is as a sound coming from the mouth of the uncanniest of the uncanny! It contains not one note of mirth or rejoicing, but rather the doling notes from the chant of witches. It comes at the most unexpected moments, in classrooms or in the hall, when there is no possible avenue of escape. Is it right that the entire student body should suffer in such an unmerciful

## OUR DAILY SHORT STORY

We went on a Journey down a Lane, and Winter being over and Summer here, we were enjoying the beauties of the Wood. My companion fell over a Stone and paid the Price. We saw several Young Robbins, Martins, Swallows, and King-Fishers in the Burch and Apple trees. "Horty" remarked that the sky was Bleuer than usual—also that the wings of the Thrush were Brown. We turned to the Wright and came upon a stream, up which we could see the Miller at the Mills. We also saw a sailboat coming down on even Kuehl, and as it came around the bend it gave quite a Lerch, which almost threw overboard two people who had been sitting in the Hull. "The captain is some Siemon," remarked Horty.

We heard there was a Battle in progress, but finally discovered that the sky was Lavender on account of an approaching Storm.

"Oh, Shaw! We never can go for a Daly walk but what it rains. And now we'll have to run or someone will Robb us. Oh! It's raining Harder!" We ran faster and soon we were all "Tuckered out."

Soon the Squire came along driving a Hudson. He took us in and said he would take us home. It was now pouring in torrents, and as we went along Moore slowly (because it was slippery) we could see houses where Lamps were lighted.

Finally we arrived at our destination. After putting the car away, our host Marshallled us into a big living room where we found his wife sitting in a Morris chair. We sat by the big fire which was burning in the fireplace, and our hostess asked us if we did not care to Reid the evening papers. We started to do so, when the Baker appeared. He hurriedly announced that he could not finish the pudding for supper, as there was no more Soady. Just then the Cook came in with a Gross of Carp he had caught. We thought this was a fish story, but we let it go at that.

The hostess told the Baker not to Greve, but if he would go at his Masters Beck he would find plenty of Kloves. The Cook informed us that he would hurry and he hoped supper would be Dunn soon.

Supper was prepared, and we became engaged in the glorious occupation of consuming all the eatables in sight. After a delicious meal we retired to the living room where we gathered around the fireplace and told stories. The maid gave the Darling of the house her Dolly and took her to bed.

Our host started to tell us of an adventure he had had in the Welch mountains. He and his companion, whom we will call Tom, started on a Journey for a Peck of Mohl-skins. They came to a Temple where they rested for the night. About a Furr-long away from the Temple was a fierce Wolfe that howled all night. The next day they were compelled to keep a Sharp lookout for the Wild beast, but they found no trace of him. On the way to their next stopping place they met a Kerr that barked at them as long as they were to be seen. The people seemed very fond of Katz, as there were quite a number in the vicinity. At last they came to a Post on which was a sign fastened by a Bendt nail, "Hart's Parker-house rolls—Light and Airy! Step in." This invitation was gratefully accepted. The Taxman appeared and tried to make them pay tax, but this they refused to do. So they continued on their way until they came to the black-Smith shop. Here they met Frank eating an ice-cream Cohn. The Smith was a good Whisler, as they soon discovered. The reason for the gayety was that he was going to the Bishop to get a Patten on one of his late inventions. Then they came across the crowning joke of the trip—Bruner making Allen walk a Chalk line. Then Ackley appeared trying to make his car go. He had a Wagner starter, but it wouldn't Turner.—Then we woke up.

manner?, These boys must be caught at once, their vocal cords examined, and if the cause is not there, have some punishment inflicted upon them, so they will never have a desire to use this power again.

### MUSH AND MILK SERVED BY CICERONIAN

On Wednesday evening, May 23, the losing team in the Ciceronian mem-

bership campaign was treated to an elaborate outlay of mush and milk. The gala affair took place in the Cafeteria and was featured by extemporaneous talks by the members. J. Clinton Searle was the speaker of the evening. One of the youngsters present, Myers by name, found great amusement in pouring water into his neighbor's pockets thruout the evening, and explosions of mirth from his corner of the room several times interrupted the speakers.

**BIG HIKE HELD**

**All O. K. but a damp return trip.**

Armed with cups and saucers, coffee pots, matches and an abundant supply of "eats" on May 10th, the Political Economy class started on their Hike. They had a real hike, too; for they went four miles past Milan to the Camp grounds. It didn't take long for every one to get busy helping to get the supper ready, and oh, how good everything tasted! Everyone ate and ate until they couldn't eat any more, and then they had their pictures taken. The next event was a mock wedding that everyone enjoyed to the utmost. Then games were played, and then it started to rain! The entire company bravely trudged back to Milan and took the car home after pronouncing the affair a huge success. Mary Clark requested us to state further that she borrowed an umbrella on her reputation.

**MYSTERY TEA**

**Sophs Treat Seniors.**

On the eighteenth of May the Sophomore girls in the XB Home Economics class entertained the Senior girls at a "Mystery Tea." A two course lunch was served in the dining room where the great mystery was revealed. Later the guests were invited to the kitchen to help with the dishes. All complied with the request in a willing manner, for you see they had had such a good time!

**WIERD SPECTACLE OBSERVED**

**Students Excited**

The students outside on the steps were startled the other noon by an apparition coming down the street. It appeared to be a boy; yet it had on a girl's beautiful sailor hat and bright blue coat. The students were both alarmed and amazed. They did not know what it might do if they ventured too close, so all kept out of its way. Finally one of the more venturesome dared to approach the object and, lo and behold! it was just George Adams having a little harmless masquerade.

**SPORTS**

On May 24th occurred the traditional Faculty-Students baseball game. The traditional defeat at the hands of the latter also occurred. To avoid any trouble suffice it to say the score stood, Faculty 5, Students 7.

**HEART BEETS**

BY AUNT JERUSA

Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

Is an auburn haired lady more susceptible to a blond or a brunette?

MATILDA.

Answer: In different cases the outcomes are different, but in your case, the past circumstances have shown us that he is far more susceptible to brunettes.

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Dear Aunt Jerry:—

Lewis Wilson was throwing a kiss at some one, I know not whom, when I got in between him and the object of the endearment. I'm truly repentant, but know not how to make amends. What would you advise?

A FRESHIE.

Answer: Do not, I pray you, feel badly about it, as I really believe you saved that person, whoever it might be, a great deal of pain and anguish.

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

I am violently in love with a beautiful Sophomore, but she has professed a deep and lasting hatred toward all Juniors and will have nothing to do with me. What shall I do?

ARTHUR JOHN ALLEN.

Answer: Wait until next year and then you'll both be in the same class. Get me?

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

I am surrounded by girls in my English class. They bother me terribly. I can't ask my teacher to put me in another part of the room, as I can give her no reason for granting my request. What can I do to relieve myself of this bore?

EUGENE BROWN.

Answer: Get a pair of glasses like those Kirk Journey wears on various occasions, a silk shirt like Lewie Saulpaugh's, a tie like Dempsey's, and make a few remarks like George Ullemeyer does. You will become a bachelor, I'm sure.

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

I am afflicted with freckles. What can I do to remove them?

FREDDIE PECK.

Answer: The following is a remedy that has never failed in the history of man: Rub the obnoxious freckles with sand paper five minutes every night before retiring, and then saturate the scene of the rubbing with iodine or oil of mustard. Few freckles will remain after a week's treatment.

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

I want to take an automobile trip and have only enough gas to go about half way, and I have no money to get more with. How can I reach my destination?

BEN ACKLEY.

Answer: Take George Adams along, and when the supply of gas in your tank runs out, start George talking, and in a short time you will have an abundant supply to carry you to your destination.

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

I have noticed the hats that some of our boys have been wearing lately. I cannot understand how they can sleep at night with the above mentioned hats in the same house with them. Can you enlighten me?

DOROTHY EBERHARDT.

Answer: After careful investigation we have discovered the means. Every night before retiring, these hats are taken to the cellar and put under a tub, and then they cannot be heard on the third floor.

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Dear Aunt Jerusha:—

How does it come that Lewis Saulpaugh has not been arrested long ago for disorderly conduct on account of the noisy disturbance his ties make?

MINNIE SWANSON.

Answer: Lewis Saulpaugh has a cousin whose brother-in-law's sister has a friend who is a third cousin to the nephew of the cousin of the chief of police. So you see he has a stand in.

**OUR POEM CONTEST**

*First Prize.*

Through thick and thin  
We'll live forever.  
We'll fight to win,  
Or fall together.

Classmates brave tho short and slim,  
Eager to work, have never slept,  
Both on the field and in the gym  
Have never failed to show their pep.

Of loyal members and scholars bright  
A better group you've never seen.

No other class has ever quite  
Equalled the Class of Seventeen.  
MAC.

*Second Prize.*

My hair is red,  
Yes, my hair is red;  
But I'll love you, Judy,  
Until I am dead.

UNKNOWN.

The editors would appreciate it if anyone can furnish any clue to the identity of the author of the above, so that we may deliver the prize.



## SASSIETY COLYUM

CUPID DUE TO ARRIVE  
SOON.

Cupid is to again visit our school or rather our faculty. Yes, shortly after the close of school one of our most esteemed faculty members intends to embark upon the apparently blissfully calm sea of matrimony. A great many of us have seen the lady of his choice and agree that he got more than his share; nevertheless we think the lady is equally as fortunate. So we extend our congratulation and good wishes to them and hope that no storms will cross their path on their voyage thru life.

HONOR STUDENTS ENTER-  
TAINED.Dance closes a successful  
year.

The Associated Students brought a successful year to a close on Friday evening, May 25th, when a dance and entertainment was held at which the honor students were guests. The fun began when a comic musical hit entitled "School Days" was staged with "Rosy" Wright as teacher. Popular songs and vaudeville stunts were run off in a classy manner. Then the assemblage adjourned to the Manual Arts building where dancing was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

## PROF. JOURNEY PLEASES

The Old Maids' Club held a special meeting last Wednesday, May 23rd, in order to hear a most interesting lecture by Professor Kirk A. Journey. Prof. Journey's subject was "Tomatoes and their canning." The speaker's talk showed great intelligence and a thoro understanding of the subject. The ladies were indeed delighted and hope to have Mr. Journey return next year, and all Beanville joins with them in extending their thanks to the noted gentleman for his kindness.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISE-  
MENTS

## WANTED

**Wanted**—A Ford to put in the tool box of a Chevrolet car.  
H. Fotch.

**Wanted**—A teacher in public speaking.  
Students of R. I. H. S.

**Wanted**—A little pep.  
Class of 1919.

**Wanted**—Stronger Chairs.  
H. Heimbeck.

**Wanted**—To locate a few Holmes . . . L. Vanatta.

READS PAPER ON INTER-  
ESTING QUESTION

Mr. Frazier Vance astounded his hearers when he read a brilliant paper on "The welfare of the door-knob manufacturers in Algeria." He gave his audience a vivid picture of the difficulties which these manufacturers must endure and overcome if they wish to be successful. He made such a touching appeal for help for these unfortunate makers of that most necessary article, the door-knob, that the company has decided to hold a meeting in the near future to discuss plans for giving their aid. We thank you, Mr. Vance, we thank you.

NEW GOWN ASTOUNDS  
STUDENTS

On last Thursday, May 24th, Miss Hortense E. Bassett, one of the most prominent young ladies of the honorable class of '18 of the Beanville high school, appeared arrayed in a most magnificent gown of pink silk. It happened there were callers at the high school that day. Could that have been the reason? (Hi, Rob!)

## ADVERTISEMENTS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
of Milan.

Several Years Successful  
Savings of Nichols.  
President—Mae Hynes.

Private School for Girls.  
Reading and Declamation  
given special attention.  
Stella & Blanche Reid,

HOW TO RUN A FORD  
50c a lesson.  
Experience based on a year's  
successful running of a  
(Ly) Ford.  
Naoma Johnson.

THE SPICE SHOP.  
All oriental flavorings at  
popular prices.  
Allan Klove.

## MONEY LOANED

At reasonable Rates.  
Kale & Goldman.

## FOR SALE

My Pony  
F. Vance.

## LOST AND FOUND.

**Lost.** My Rose. Finder re-  
turn to E. Paddock.  
Reward!!

**Lost.** A sweet disposition.  
L. Wilson.

**Lost.** A fondness for Fresh-  
ies. Finder need not re-  
turn.  
A. Dodson.

**Found.** A love of navigation.  
Especially on the Hudson.  
Clif Johnson.

**Lost.** My entire middle name  
except the first initial.  
G. B. Adams.

**Lost.** My Hat. At Prog.  
Mixer.  
Johnnie Gus.

## HERB F. LEARNS TO DANCE.



Meditation

Exaltation.

Hesitation.

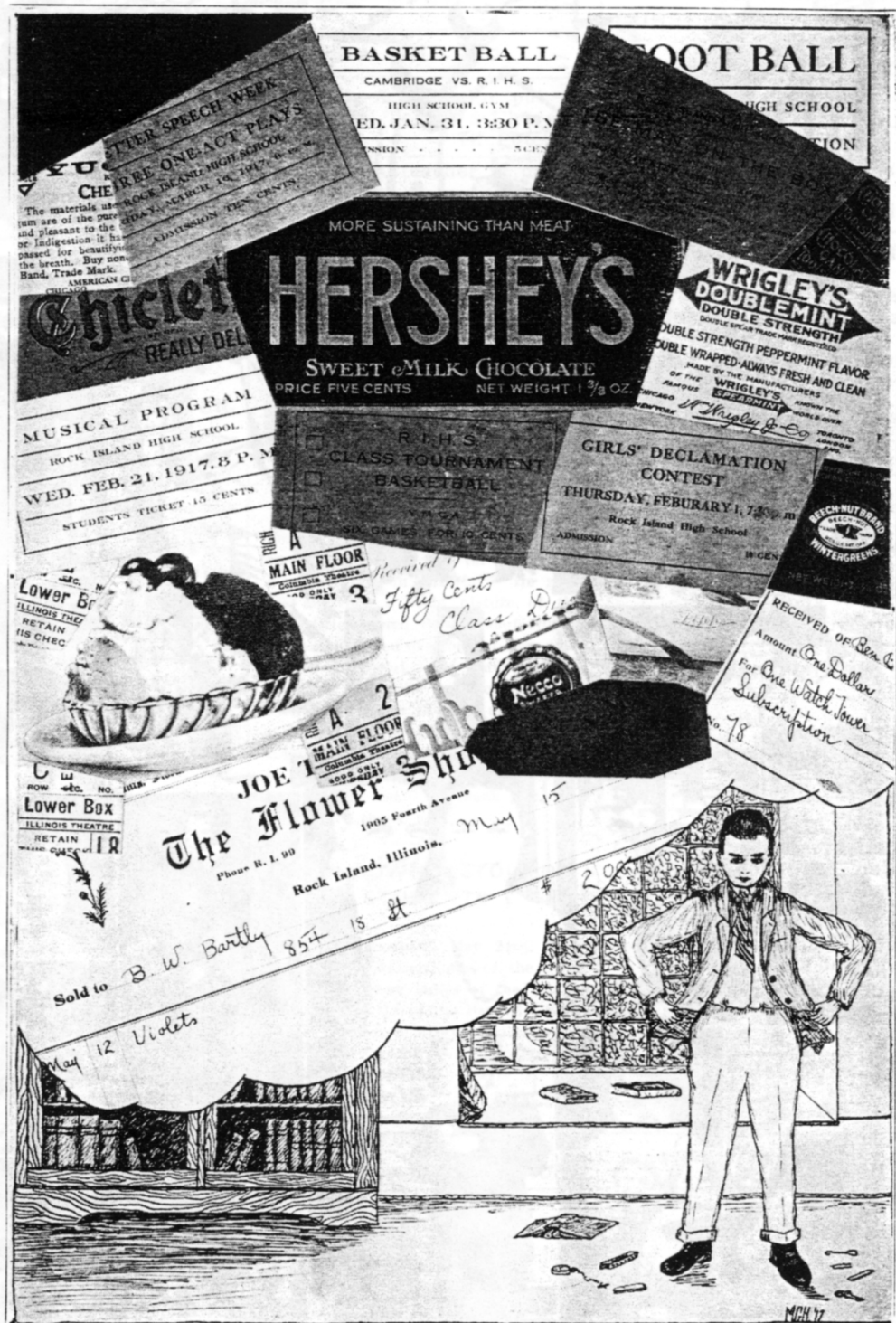
Participation?

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## WATCH TOWER

### LOCAL WITTICISMS

Senior: "What did you do in gym. today?"

Freshie: "Oh, we just had some carbolic dancing."

I stole a kiss the other night,  
My conscience hurt—alack!  
I guess I'll have to go to-night  
And put the old thing back.

Johnny Gustafson: "Sure, there is matter in thought."

Mr. Anderson: "Well, just what kind of matter is it, John?"

John: "Why—er—er, thinking matter."

Mr. Anderson: "Why do they destroy all the dye works of Germany, if she is so famous for that industry and practically controls it?"

H. Stuhr: "They want them to quit dyeing (dying)."

She: "I wonder when the war is going to be over."

He: "It's all over now."

Miss Sturgeon: "This class doesn't seem to be very pacific."

L. Dempsey: "I'm Atlantic."

Teacher (to Freshie): "Now, Sam, change this sentence, 'He did poor,' by using a phrase."

Sam: "He died in a poor manner."

### *A New Vegetable?*

Freshman: "Boys grown in the country are stronger than city boys."

Will Lamont (in English class): "The submarine struck the ship, and the crew landed in Liverpool."

### *At Hart Spread.*

New member: "Why is the heart on the pennant pierced?"

Edna Anderson: "Didn't you know that every Hart girl's heart has been pierced?"

### *Our Own Inseparables.*

1. "Fritz" and "Norm."
2. Harry B. and N. J.
3. "Ed" and "Lou."
4. Seniors and Juniors (?).
5. "Horty" and her German Book (?).
6. "Bill" McCombs and his car.
7. High School and us.
8. Ciceronian and R. Johnson.
9. Gym and that Piano!!!
10. "Dutch" and Lizzie.
11. Will Gleason and 2d per. History Class.
12. Mag. and Ed.
13. "Bob" Clark and her sarcasm.
14. Edith and L. Turner.
15. Harry Stuhr and that laugh!
16. Will Schofer and that walk!
17. Kirk Journey and vaudeville.
19. Walter B. and 8th period English.

"My, it's breezy here!"

"Yes, I didn't know they were going to draft everyone."

Miss A. (reading from "Ode on a Grecian Urn"): "Oh Attic shape! Fair attitude!" "Now, Eugene, what does 'Attic shape' mean?"

"Bus": "The shape of a house!"

Elva Hill (in English): "Then the rabbits began to meow."

Harry: "Gee but I had a funny dream last night."

Bill Mc: "I know, I saw you with her."

Miss A.: "Blanche, you may tell us Wordsworth's characteristics."

B. Reid: "He was very timid and quiet and lived with his sister Dorothy."

Teacher: "There is a difference between deep feeling and emotion."

F. Vance: "When I hear some sad piece, I have emotions, but around dinner time I have deep feeling."



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The Sophs saw something green,  
And thought it was the Freshman class,  
But when they nearer to it drew,  
Alas, it was a looking glass.

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Teacher: "What do you expect to be  
when you graduate?"  
Bill Mc: "An old man."

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C.: "I made an awful break yesterday."  
H.: "You did! What was it?"  
C.: "I let a glass fall in the Cafeteria."

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George: "Last night I dreamed my watch  
was gone and I got up to see."  
Louie: "Was it gone?"  
George: "No, but it was going."

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Teacher: "Walter, how near were you  
to the right answer in the last problem?"  
Walter: "Just three seats away."

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Miss Rush (in history reading): "Now,  
let's get our maps on this, if you please."

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Bus.: "Why is a woman like an um-  
brella?"  
Clara: "Why?"  
Bus: "Because she is accustomed to  
reign."

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Bob: "Is it hard to work a kodak?"  
Horty: "No, it's a snap."

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George (boarding a street car): "Is the  
Ark full yet?"  
Conductor: "All but the monkey; hurry  
up."

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Lester: "Mr. Anderson, algebra should  
not be taught in school—it makes us super-  
stitious."

Mr. A.: "What a remark!"  
Lester: "Well, you see, one must pay so  
much attention to the signs."

C. Masters: "When the Liberty Bell  
passed thru R. I., babies were allowed to  
touch it."

Teacher: "How did it feel?"

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Student: "'Dutch,' your house is on fire."  
"Dutch": "It can't be. I left the door  
open this morning, and the fire went out."

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EXCHANGE JOKES

T. B.: "Whose hand wrote 'Uncle  
Tom's Cabin'?"

F. H.: "Nobody's hand."

T. B.: "How was it written, then?"

F. H.: "By Harriet Beecher's toe  
(Stowe)."

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Janitor: "I found the 'Not to be used  
except in case of fire' sign those boys stole  
out of the corridor."

Heitman: "Where?"

Janitor: "They nailed it in the coal bin."

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Teacher: "Who originated the first pro-  
position?"

Student: "Noah."

Teacher: "How's that?"

Student: "He constructed the ark, B. C."

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Doctor: "Quick! Give me my medicine  
case—a man just telephoned that he couldn't  
live without me."

Gwendolyn: "Wait a minute, I think  
that call's for me."

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He: "There's only one thing I don't like  
about school."

She: "What's that?"

He: "It breaks into my day so."

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He: "I never sausage eyes as those."

She: "Well, I wish you would butcher  
hands in mine."

## The Last Word

**A**FTER a careful perusal of the Commencement number of the WATCH TOWER a multitude of verdicts will be rendered. Criticism of the size of the book, criticism of the quality of material, criticism of the quantity of material, will all be in order. But, dear reader, pause before you form your final opinion of this number and take into consideration a number of facts.

First of all, this is not an Annual. This is the Commencement number of a quarterly paper, THE WATCH TOWER. Instead of devoting the entire year to the preparation of this book, the staff is busy with the other three issues and but two brief months are devoted to the work of editing the finished product now before you.

When the editors assumed their positions at the beginning of the year a debt of one hundred dollars was the most important obstacle to contend with. The quarterly issues were reduced in size, old cuts were used and every available inch of space covered. A gigantic old paper campaign was promoted; and with the loyal aid of the student body enough money was realized partially to reduce the debt. By careful figuring and sometimes discouraging economy, matters were slowly adjusted until the records showed a balance of over one hundred dollars.

In the face of the increased cost of paper and other materials, the staff began work on this number which costs to publish, in round numbers, seven hundred dollars. Possibly this proposition looks a trifle discouraging; but trusting in the financial support of all the school organizations, we went ahead; and here you see a book published in the most economical way. Any omissions of adornment or decorations, any crowded space, any omission of cuts, any small pictures, are all the results of the strictest economy, inasmuch as we have deemed it more honorable to close our term as editors of this paper with a balance in the treasury rather than issue a large and elaborate book and leave a debt with which to handicap our successors.

To one who has had no experience in the work of editing a paper of this size the labor which the task involves is inconceivable. When one considers all the writeups over which the editors have gnawed their pencils and into which they have endeavored to inject something original, the truth partially dawns upon him. But that is only the beginning. The engraver must needs be visited on numerous occasions, and between him and the photographer one fellow is kept busy acting as messenger boy. Then comes the printer for his share of the work, and he is the villain responsible for that laborious job called proof reading. At the very same time all this is going on, class work progresses with equal rapidity; and naturally as editor of a school paper, you are enrolled in school, and being enrolled in school, you are required to attend classes. So is it any wonder that the editors have worn such haggard expressions for the past few weeks? Haven't you noted their surly dispositions and that unfriendly, engrossed look?

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THE EDITORS.



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